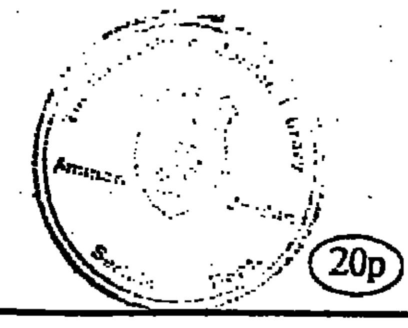
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Portfolio

There were two winners in *The Times* Portfolio weekly competition which ended on Saturday. They share the prize of £40,000, which had been doubled because there was no winner the previous week. Miss Asaf Musallah of Bedford and Mr J. C. Daukes of Farnham, Surrey each receive £20,000.

The daily prize of £2,000 was won by Mr Andrew Ailes of London SW15.

Because there will be two days without publication this week there will be no weekly competition. The daily competition will take place as usual. Portfolio list, page 12. Rules and how to play, back page Information Service.

RAF relief mission may be extended

The Government may extend the RAF relief mission to Ethiopia (our Defence Correspondent writes). Two Hercules aircraft have ferried nearly 3,000 tonnes of grain to famine-stricken areas since November. Flights will break at midday tomorrow while crew members share Christmas lunch with the British community in Addis Ababa US air lift, page 4

TV campaign

The Government is planning a £2 million publicity campaign to combat the menace of heroin. The campaign will be aimed at preventing young people from becoming users Page 3

India votes

India's 390 million voters begin polling today with Mr Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party confident of being returned to power with an increased majority Page 5

Lee unhappy

Mr Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's Prime Minister, hinted at changes in the "one-man one-vote" system after his ruling party's winning majority was reduced in weekend elections page 5

Brothers sue

The Egyptian Al-Fayed brothers, who own almost 30 per cent of House of Fraser, have issued a writ against Dr Ashraf Marwan, after he alleged that their stake was held in the Far East Page 13

Art exports

Heritage organizations are to bring increasing pressure on the Government for a review of the guidelines covering the export of works of art Page 3

Kempton duel

Burrough Hill Lad, the 1984 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, will attempt to end the Dickinson family's domination of the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day Racing, pages 16 and 17

The Times

In common with other newspapers, *The Times* will not be published tomorrow or on Boxing Day

Gadaffi 'was ready to give miners £20m'

- **Colonel Gadaffi of Libya is believed to have been ready to give the miners more than £20 million towards their strike fund**
- **The Archbishop of York says a new initiative is needed if the pits dispute is to be resolved**
- **Union leaders who have given the mineworkers cash support fear they may face contempt proceedings unless they declare the details to sequestrators and the official receivers**
- **The coal board is planning a new back-to-work campaign, emphasizing the high level of coal stocks.**

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Colonel Gaddafi of Libya is believed to have been willing to offer more than £20 million to the National Union of Mineworkers, when he received a representative of the union in Tripoli two months ago.

The sum is several hundred times greater than was envisaged by members of the union's executive as a possible contribution and 10 times as much as Libya paid to the IRA over several years in the early seventies.

The NUM said yesterday that no money was offered by Colonel Gaddfi to Mr Roger Windsor, the union's chief executive, when they met in October, and no cash help had been sought from the Libyan Government or offered by it at any time.

The brief and formal meeting between the two men, which remained secret until disclosed by *The Sunday Times*, came after Mr Windsor held two days of talks with Libyan trade union representatives who, the union said, invited him to Tripoli to learn the reasons for the dispute and why the NUM was seeking solidarity.

The information that more than £20 million would have been available, had the union been willing and able to receive it, was given to *The Times* by a well-placed source in the Yorkshire coalfields.

The source is sympathetic to the miners, but disturbed at the discovery that the Libyan Government is prepared to intervene in other countries' affairs and to spend money on such a scale with the primary purpose of embarrassing a foreign government to which it is hostile.

Colonel Gaddafi has given many indications of his antipathy to the British Government, both as a central member of the Atlantic Alliance and because of resentment at Britain's breaking off of diplomatic relations after shots fired from the Libyan People's Bureau in London killed WPC Yvonne Fletcher last April.

In recent weeks the Libyans have talked of resuming their payments to the IRA. Those are believed to have ceased several years ago, but IRA leaders have maintained good personal relations with members of the Libyan Government.

Colonel Gaddafi has shown his willingness to spend money to promote revolutions and to destabilize governments all over the world, from Central America to the Philippines. With oil revenues of 10 billion dollars, and a population of only about 3,500,000, he is not short of funds and has absolute control of them.

The position of the NUM, as defined by its president, Mr Arthur Scargill, and repeated yesterday, is that it will not take money from the Government of Libya, but it would take money from trade unionists anywhere, including Libya.

When Mr Windsor's visit to Tripoli became known, senior members of the Labour Party and the trade-union movement were outraged. Mr Neil Kinnock said that any offers from the "vile" Libyan regime to the miners would be "an insult to everything the British labour movement stands for." Moderate members of the NUM executive objected strongly to the visit.

Professor Paul Wilkinson, Professor of International Relations at the University of Aberdeen, who has made a special study of Libya and of international terrorism, said yesterday that it was unlikely that Colonel Gaddafi's agents would find difficulty in conveying large sums from Libya to contacts in Britain or elsewhere.

There was evidence that the Libyan regime had used so-called students or businessmen, sometimes travelling on the passports of other countries, as couriers.

Professor Wilkinson was surprised by the amount apparently on offer

Miners' Christmas, page 2





Mrs Thatcher (top) pulling a Christmas cracker during her flight back to London yesterday with the US Ambassador to London, Mr Charles H. Price and (above) relaxing during a party on board the plane.

Thatcher back well and happy

By our Political Editor

The Prime Minister was back at Chequers last night to spend the Christmas holiday with her family after travelling round the world in six days, visiting Peking, Hong Kong and Washington, and stopping at Bahrain, Bombay, Guam and Honolulu.

She travelled more than 25,000 miles and spent 54 hours in the air.

Mrs Magaret Thatcher's first sign of normal human frailty was when she decided, after touching down at Heathrow in the small hours of yesterday, to drive to Downing Street for a little extra sleep.

Mr Chris Moncrieff, of the Press Association, who travelled with the Prime Minister, described her as stepping from her RAF VC10 yesterday looking as composed and fresh as though she was returning from a week on the beach. He said her officials were amazed at her stamina.

The central objective of her journey was the signing in Peking of the historic agreement with the Chinese Government over the future of Hong Kong, but the most urgent immediate task was in Washington.

Her purpose there, at her meeting with President Reagan and her subsequent press conference, was to destroy any idea that last week's visit to Britain by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov had divided the American and British administrations.

There was a feeling in Washington and London that the Soviet Union had had some success in suggesting that Mrs Thatcher's comments on the arms race during Mr Gorbachov's visit indicated serious differences between the Western capitals.

In the approach to the talks in Geneva next month between Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, and Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, the public show of mutual confidence when President Reagan received Mrs Thatcher on Saturday was seen as helpful, as was the four-point declaration on arms control.

Mrs Thatcher said to the press: "I told the President I had made it absolutely clear to Mr Gorbachov that there was no question of the Soviet Union being able to divide the United Kingdom from the United States on these matters".

Mr Dennis Healey, the shadow Foreign Secretary, said yesterday that he detected a difference of emphasis between Mr Reagan and Mrs Thatcher in the second of their four agreed points, that deployment of "star wars" weapons – the strategic defence initiative – would have to be a matter for negotiation, in view of treaty obligations.

Mr Healey said the Prime Minister seemed to be committed against going any further on the project before negotiations with the Soviet Union.

Unions fear courts over cash for miners

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Union leaders who have continued to send money to the National Union of Mineworkers after the sequestration of its assets by the High Court, are becoming increasingly concerned at the possibility of facing contempt proceedings.

Unions sympathetic to the miners have in recent weeks received two letters from the sequestrators and one from the Official Receiver appointed to control NUM funds, asking for full details of their contributions and plans for future support.

The growing legal involvement in the pits strike, which today enters its forty-second week, comes as the focus in the coalfields switches away from the picket lines and into the mining communities where attempts are being made to ensure a normal Christmas.

The miners' holiday period extends until at least January 2, but the 120,000 miners estimated by the National Coal Board to be still on strike will come under renewed pressure before then in a propaganda campaign aimed at breaking the strike.

The board is expected to emphasize in a series of advertisements the high level of coal stocks which could carry power stations through the winter and its determination not to have any further negotiations until the NUM softens its policy of total opposition to pit closures on economic grounds.

While the controversy continues over the decision by Mr Sid Vincent, secretary of the Lancashire miners, to spend Christmas in Tenerife, Mr Ian MacGregor, the coal board chairman is on holiday in the United States with his family and Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' president, expects to spend the holiday working.

But the end of the holiday will mean that all parties in the dispute will face critical decisions, and unions supporting the miners could be involved in legal proceedings. The National Union of Railwaymen, which has made a £100,000 loan to the NUM is due in the High Court on January 16 to reply to orders requiring it to give precise details of the money it has made available.

Archbishop seeks peace initiative

A new initiative will have to be made if a solution to the miners' strike is to be found, the Archbishop of York, Dr John Halsgood, says today.

He says in an interview with Radio York that the Government's hopes of a drift back to work before christmas have been dashed.

The Archbishop goes on to say that the church is working to heal the rift in the community: "I think a is great deal is happening at local level and I hear stories about the church being sometimes the only body which brings local contending parties together.

"I think, in a remarkable way, the churches have managed to retain the trust of both sides, and will therefore be in a very favourable position when the strike is over to try to rebuild the community."

But he adds that lasting damage will have been caused: "You can't have dissidence on this scale which is then dissipated overnight when the strike is over."

Soviet defence post may be downgraded

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Marshal Dmitry Ustinov will be buried with full honours on Red Square today with his successor as Soviet Defence Minister already chosen: a remarkably swift transition intended to underline calm and continuity in the Kremlin.

Marshal Sergei Sokolov, aged 73, the new Defence Minister, is expected to attend the ceremony together with President Chernenko and the Politburo. Marshal Sokolov is a military career officer, however, not a leading party figure, and there are reports that the Defence portfolio in effect has been downgraded.

The body of Marshal Ustinov, who died last Thursday at the age of 76, lay in state over the weekend in the ornate Hall of Columns near Red Square. A huge sign on the outside of the classical portico advertising the World Chess Championships was replaced by a giant portrait of Marshal Ustinov on a red background edged with black. There were few other signs of public mourning, however, and the death has received relatively low key treatment

President Chernenko paid his last respects to Marshal Ustinov at the lying in state, together with other members of the Politburo. These included Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Kremlin number two, who hurried back from his trip to Britain on Friday to be present, and Mr Grigory Romanov, his rival for the succession to Mr Chernenko, who had been tipped to succeed Marshal Ustinov at the Defence Ministry.

Mr Romanov was named on Friday as head of the funeral commission which would normally be a sign that he had been picked to succeed the late Minister. Some reports in Moscow said Mr Romanov had declined the appointment in order to remain in the forefront of the struggle to succeed Mr Chernenko, but other reports said Marshal Sokolov had already begun to deputize for Marshal Ustinov over the past three months and his selection had been assured

Marshal Sokolov reviewed the annual military parade in November instead of Marshal Ustinov who, according to Tass, contracted pneumonia at the end of October. He was said at the time to have a cold. He developed liver and kidney complications and died of heart failure last Thursday evening.

Public reaction has been muted. Soldiers in uniform and factory workers brought in to the sealed-off city centre by bus queued in icy temperatures for a glimpse of the body. Inside the hall the chandeliers of what was once the Moscow noblemen's club were covered by black crepe, and an orchestra played mournful music.

Marshal Ustinov's death is not expected to have an immediate impact on Soviet defence and arms control policy, although in the long run the reversion to a purely military Defence Minister may affect decision making. Observers said Moscow's negotiating tactics for the Soviet-American Geneva talks in two weeks time had been agreed

Marshal Ustinov's death will have a more immediate impact on the struggle between generations. Mr Gorbachov still faces a formidable rival in Mr Romanov. On the other hand the "old guard" is gradually passing from the scene, and pressure is building up for Mr Chernenko to rejuvenate the leadership.



Rivals: Mr Romanov and Mr Gorbachov

Runcie's envoy kept waiting

By David Hewson

The Church of England envoy Mr Terry Waite held a morning service with four Britons jailed in Libya yesterday, but there was still no sign of a meeting between him and the country's leader, Colonel Gadaffi, to discuss their release.

The Libyan leader earlier had ruled out the question of releasing the four men, who were imprisoned after the Libyan Embassy siege in London seven months ago. Church officials hope that meetings between Mr Waite and Libyan Government officials may change Colonel Gadaffi's position today.

At the same time, the Home Office confirmed that British immigration officials had put Mr James Megis, an American thought to be connected with the Libyan regime, on a plane to France, where he has been arrested.

Christmas cheer for homeless

By Tony Samstag

If Christmas seemed to be taking on an Orwellian cast yesterday, it probably owed more to the spirit of *Down and Out in Paris and London* than to *1984*, as Britain's own jobless and homeless vied with the thousands of African famine victims for the charity of the better off among us.

Just after noon Crisis at Christmas began its seventeenth year of providing temporary shelter and food for about a thousand people who have nowhere else to go. A queue of 40 or 50 waited for the opening of Central London Garage, a disused bus garage near Euston station, where all comers would be welcome for six days.

The organizers reckoned that 15,000 meals would be served during that period; 40,000 cups of tea with six cwt of sugar and, for a Christmas dinner that would take more than hours to serve, 1,100 lbs of turkey off the bone. Six hundred mattresses, 1,600 suits, 5,000 shirts, 200 hats and a small mountain of shoes were also on hand.

Among the 400 volunteer workers are a gaggle of young chefs from the Army School of Catering, Aldrshot, aspirants to the heights of armed forces' catering of which the Egon Ronay Organization wrote so eloquently last month.

An ingenious scheme to collect more money for the Ethiopian famine appeal was announced, meanwhile, by British Telecom.

Payment for telephone calls to three special numbers tomorrow, Christmas day, would be given to the appeal, plus, Telecom promised, value-added tax. The numbers are: 01 637 7171, where Noel Edmonds will be taking requests and dedications on BBC1's *Christmas Breakfast Show* between 11.05 and 12.35; 01 387 6284, where Edmonds has recorded a seaso-

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There are no silent nights in Beirut now

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

A small advertisement at the top of the independent daily newspaper *An Nahar* advises readers that newly imported turkeys have just arrived in Beirut from the United States. A large bird with illustrious plumage decorates the notice for late Christmas readers, although the photograph four columns away carries a different message: A druze school devastated by a car bomb on Friday that wounded nineteen children.

It raised the old question here: How do you talk about Christmas and hope and joy in Beirut, where there is no hope, little joy and – this year – precious little Christmas either?

True, the local Christian militia in west Beirut, the Syrian National Socialist Party, have insisted on hanging some tinsel above a petrol station near the Khayam cinema but the Shia Muslim militias have discouraged other decorations. Christmas trees have been selling at £20 each. The only bright lights in the night have been the fires burning from the latest car bombs, a series of devastating explosions that provoke Christian radio announcers to interrupt their carol programmes with tales of Muslim barbarism.

What sort of New Year wishes can one give the Lebanese this Christmas? After all, Sidon and Tyre were part of the holy Land – Christ taught in both cities – and it was there that he cast the devil from a young woman. Moses spoke of Sidon as the northern border of Canaan. St Paul turned up there on his way from Caesarea to Rome. The Knights Templar used to celebrate Christmas in the Castle until their humiliating retreat in 1291.

But Sidon is now almost a forbidden word. The Lebanese Government confidently expects a civil war to start in the city when the Israelis withdraw in a few weeks' time

A year ago, the Western powers in whom the Christians of Lebanon unwisely relied, were still here. The French Army were celebrating mass beside the museum, the British Dragoons were singing carols beneath the shells at Hadath and the American Marines were decorating their tanks with empty beer cans.

This year only the British Ambassador in the gracious, if rather portly figure of David Miers, touched upon Christmas with a carol concert in his residence, a strangely moving affair with a touch of Jane Austen about it. A serious, bespectacled violinist and a cheerful English lady at the piano forced 50 expatriates and a scattering of Lebanese relatives through interminable and unknown verses of *O Come All Ye Faithful* and *Little Town of Bethlehem* while white-liveried servants prepared silver bowls of steaming punch beyond the worn Persian carpets.

It was all sung very intensely, as if the words would somehow bring Gloucestershire or Kent, snow-covered thatched cottages and frozen hop-fields right into the drab, rainy, shattered streets of Beirut.

And for a little while, the old glory of those carols with their forced rhymes and tired words worked. You could hum *Silent Night* and *Noel* as you drove across the front line by the port and feel somehow cut off from the ruins on the other side of the windscreen, as if Christmas – a Western Christmas, of course – could cocoon you from the reality of the world, from a country in which there is no hope, no political progress, in which the devil has very definitely not been cast out.

This Christmas Eve, they were fighting again across the highway in the Kharroub, the Muslims of the Progressive Socialist Party and the Christians of the Phalange. The Americans and the French and the British troops that were going to bring peace have long departed: and as usual in Beirut, there are no silent nights.

Cardinal attacks British policy in Ulster and condemns informer trials

The Primate of All Ireland, Cardinal Tomas O Fiaich, yesterday attacked the British Government's Ulster policy. There would be no change in Northern Ireland, he said, while Mrs Margaret Thatcher remained Prime Minister.

The cardinal also criticized the supergrass trial system, describing it as "a new form of internment under another name"; alleged widespread alienation of Northern Ireland's Roman Catholic community; and called for a solution to the crisis in the province based on the report of the New Ireland Forum, which was sponsored by the Government of the Irish Republic.

He said he did not believe Mrs Thatcher had "a good grasp of the complexities of the Northern Ireland situation. As long as she feels the Northern scene can continue without impinging on the English scene, then she is prepared to allow the Northern scene to drift.

"I am afraid nothing is going to happen, and that could be the worst of all happenings. The worst possible policy is to do nothing."

In an Irish Radio interview, the cardinal called Mrs Thatcher's attitude to the forum proposals – for Irish unity, a confederal government, or joint sovereignty of Northern Ireland by London and Dublin – "very arrogant" after the Chequers meeting last month between Mrs Thatcher and Dr Garret FitzGerald, Prime Minister of the republic.

"I believe what Mrs Thatcher did was the equivalent of tearing up the forum report." It would be better not to have a follow up to the last meeting than "another Chequers".

The cardinal spoke of the evidence of supergrass informers in Northern Ireland courts, the use of plastic bullets, statements by Ulster judges, non-acceptance of the Ulster Defence Regiment, and lack of confidence in the police as elements that had raised the alienation of Catholics to an unprecedented level. "We are at a dangerous point", he said.

He would be raising with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Douglas Hurd, allegations that a Catholic man had been offered inducements to turn informer when he made a routine call at a police station.

He said he regarded Father Denis Faul, the priest who made claims about that incident last week, as "the best informed person on the Northern scene alive today".

Police hurt at IRA funeral

From Our Correspondent Belfast

The police were attacked with bricks, bottles and paving stones in fighting yesterday which accompanied the funeral in Londonderry of a Provisional IRA man, Kieran Fleming, whose body was recovered from a river in co Fermanagh on Friday.

Fleming, aged 25, drowned while escaping from a gun battle after his Provisional IRA raiding party was ambushed by undercover troops on December 2. He had escaped in the mass breakout from the Maze prison 15 months ago and was a convicted murderer.

Twelve policemen and several other people were injured during yesterday's fighting

Provisional Sinn Fein leaders, Mr Gerry Adams and Mr Martin McGuinness successfully appealed for order, but fighting erupted again soon after the cortege moved off, apparently surprising the police escort by making departures from the planned route.

With the security forces temporarily absent, three masked and uniformed IRA men emerged to fire a volley of pistol shots over the coffin outside a public house in the Bogside district.

Anger over soldier's move to British jail

From Our Correspondent, Belfast

The decision to move to a British prison a soldier jailed for life for murder in Belfast has led to calls for similar consideration for more than 40 Irish terrorists in British prisons.

Private Ian Thain, aged 19, from Doncaster, south Yorkshire, was the first Regular soldier to be convicted of murder while on duty in Northern Ireland although more than 40 have been convicted of other killings and serious crimes in recent years.

In every case they have been sent back to Britain to serve their sentences and some have been released well before their normal remission date.

In at least one case a civilian sectarian killer was also extneded the same consideration. He was the English-born "loyalist" multiple murdered, Albert Baker, who was sent back to Britain after sentencing.

However, calls for the repatriation of Irish men and women, both republicans and loyalists sentenced for terrorist crimes in Britain, to serve their sentences in either Northern Ireland or the republic, have unfailingly been rejected.

The prisoners' families say the separation imposed by the Irish Sea makes it difficult and expensive to visit them regularly. They see the disparity of treatement as a gross injustice. A further move to refer the disparity to the European Commission of Human Rights is expected.

Thain's repatriation to a prison near his home was last night welcomed by a surgeon in Northern Ireland, Mr John Robb, a Protestant who, on the invitation of the republic's Prime Minister sits in the Dail in Dublin as an appointed senator. He saw a possible move towards parity of treatment.

Speaking for the New Ireland Group, a largely Protestant lobby he set up to campaign for a united Ireland on the basis of consent, Mr Ross said: "It is our hope that it may be the precedent by which all prisoners in these islands are able to serve sentences in their home country and that it will not just turn out to be a privilege granted to soldiers from Britain".

Nationalists, however, fear that Thain's repatriation is merely a prelude to his being released from prison early, when his case has faded from public notice.

Inquiry sought on music schools mergers

Doubts about the cost of establishing a new military school of music at Deal in Kent have led to a Conservative MP asking the Comptroller and Auditor General to investigate the matter (Our Defence Correspondent writes).

Three military schools of music are to be merged at Deal, with two of the existing ones, the Royal Military School of Music at Keller Hall, Twickenham, and the Royal Air Force School of Music at Uxbridge, being closed.

Mr Toby Jessel, the MP for Twickenham, said yesterday: "I am anxious that my constituents are being asked to make a sacrifice with the loss of Keller Hall to save money, but I am not satisfied that the cheapest alternative has been chosen".

Mr Jessel said he had had four meetings with ministers, including Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, and had asked many parliamentary questions on the issue, but had been unable to obtain from the Government estimates of the likely cost of the various possible alternative sites for a merged schoold or music.

He had, therefore, had a meeting with Sir Gordon Downey, Comptroller and Auditor General, earlier this autumn, to ask him to investigate the matter.

Deal is the home of the Royal Marines School of Music and is in the Dover constituency of Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury. The Ministry of Defence said yesterday that Deal had been chosen as the site for the new school of music after a consideration of cost, size, the fact that the town had a higher level of unemployment, than other possible sites and other factors. He said that tenders for the work had not yet been received from possible contractors.

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If there's a POWERCUT we can BURN OUR CANDLES at BOTH ENDS..
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It's for WETS who want come in out of the COLD..
Must be the Queen's Speech..
I'd LOVE to LIVE in a Doll's HOUSE..
You may have to
This is what I got LAST year..
Calman & Brookes

Arson at coal board workshop

Police were last night treating as arson a fire which caused £10,000 of damage at coal board workshops in Doncaster. A south Yorkshire Police spokesman said that forensic experts were still investigating the cause of the fire, beside the Brodsworth miner's officials club, at Woodlands, Doncaster.

So far, two separate seats of fire have been found", he said. It was suspected that something had been used to help the fire spread.

● Sentenced to one-month's imprisonment a week ago, James Lees, aged 31, a striking miner of Chestnut Drive, New Ollerton, Nottinghamshire, is to be released today after appealing to Judge Robert Ellis in Nottingham Crown Court so that he could be with his family at Christmas. Lees, imprisoned for threats and for throwing a brick at a working miner's house, causing damage of £65, had his sentence reduced to 12 days, which with good conduct will enable him to complete his sentence today.

● The controlling labour group on Stirling District Council is to challenge the interim interdict awarded by Lord Kincraig in the Court of Session last week against the council's blacklisting of firms which failed to give assurances about crossing miners' picket lines.

The miners' Christmas

Parcel time in the Valleys

By Paul Vallely

It is Christmas 1984 but the scene is like a flashback to a more harrowing time. The winter sun is setting over the hill around the village of Tonyrefail. Behind the tightly-packed rows of terrace houses the pit wheels stand idle. On the door of the corrugated iron hall a clumsily-written notice is pinned, which reads: "open at 3.30 pm for veg parcels."

By 3 pm there are already 60 striking miners standing outside and some have brought their children with them. The men stand, with flat caps and mufflers, as their grandfathers stood before them, hands in pockets, their shoulders hunched against the cold winds and their faces grey and prematurely drawn. Mostly they are silent but their deadened silence is eloquent. Not for them the chirpy resolution of the miners in Kent, or the sullen determination of the strikers in Scotland.

So many pits have closed in the Rhondda, and the valleys which surround it, during the past two decades that most miners in South Wales travel some considerable distance to work. They do not live in the exclusive mining communities that can still be found in Yorkshire and Durham and hence soup kitchens are not a practical proposition.

They are sustained by weekly food parcels. It being Christmas, they are getting three: one day a grocery parcel, the next vegetables and Christmas pudding, and then a turkey, bought from funds raised in generous street collections in South Wales towns, where even non-miners still have some coal in their blood. The parcels will have to last two weeks.

At 3.30pm the double doors of the hall are flung open and the men surge forward. As well as the food parcels, there are £8 vouchers to collect, courtesy of the Belgian miners' union, and application forms for hardship aid from the local council. The mood is jubilant now.

The talk is of the outcome of the strike. "Write this down", Mr Richard Evans, aged 34, the red-bearded treasurer of the local branch of the National Union of Mineworkers, says. "This strike has gone beyond the industrial. Thanks to the attitude of the police and judiciary it has become political."

Mr Victor Lewis, aged 41, a face captain at Cwm colliery, disagrees. "I don't know about that. But certainly the resolution among the ordinary men, when they come to collect their weekly parcel, is as strong, if not stronger than, it was six months ago. They've gone through too much to give up now."

But there is a helplessness to the determination, as was voiced earlier at another food parcel distribution centre by Mr Noel Stevens, aged 48, an NUM blacksmith, at Nantgarw. "We have just to sit it out and make the best. There's nothing else we can do. It's out of our hands; it's all up to our national executive and the Government."

Food is the main problem for the 22,000 miners of South Wales this Christmas. They have been well supplied with toys by the people of Cardiff, as well as by lorryloads of gifts from Belgium and France. "It means that every child will get two, or perhaps even three, toys", Mr Phil Bunt, the Christmas co-ordinator at the Rhydyfelin strike centre said.

Some have already been given out to the children at Christmas parties. At Tonyrefail, Mr Lewis, playing Santa Claus to distribute the gifts, said. "The main problem was not raising expectations too much. I had to tell them I'd bring what I could in the way of surprises rather than risking asking them what they wanted. I only hope I won't have to do it again next year."

Repairs are agreed for Victorian museums

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

Crumbling Victorian museums and galleries are to be repaired next year in an attempt to prevent further decay which might lead to permanent structural damage.

Lord Gowrie, Minister for the Arts, announced last Monday that spending on building repairs and maintenance was to rise by more than 15 per cent to nearly £29 million. That will be met, in part, by reducing the purchasing power of the institutions.

But the scale of the problem is huge. Tha catalogue of disrepair includes replacing or completely overhauling acres of leaky roofs; new heating systems; cleaning and repainting facades; and bringing the technology of the galleries a little more up to date, with new air conditioning systems and the provision of exterior sun screens to reduce solar heat gain.

Victoria and Albert Museum: The Government's Property Services Agency has been patching the roofs of this museum for more than seven years, in a slow, painstaking and expensive remedial programme of work.

The situation is so bad that the Meteorological Office gives the museum advance warning of a heavy rainfall so that the necessary precautions can be taken. The precautions involved covering cases and objects with plastic sheets ad getting out the mops and buckets.

Mr Graham Wiffen, head of press and public relations, says: "It is a little frightening to see water dripping from the light fixtures in the Raphael Cartoon Court on a very rainy day, but is a fact of life here".

Dry rot has been exposed where temporary partitions have been removed and burst and leaking radiators are commonplace, although no objects have been damaged so far.

National Gallery: Rooms 35 to 40 have just been closed for reroofing to begin on the Barry Rooms and the big dome in the east wing, which have been untouched since the 1860s. The iron roofs are in a dangerous state and are being replaced.

Two rooms are staying open while other work proceeds at a cost of £2 million.

Room 9, the High Renaissance Venetian Room, needs total renovation. The cost of air conditioning is about £1 million with a further £500,000 needed for sun blinds.

Imperial War Museum: In January this year, the museum announced the first phase of a big maintenance, extension and improvement plan, which will cost £9 million and has been approved by Lord Gowrie.

The Government is contributing £6.5million and the museum will be launching an appeal next month for the balance of £2.5million.

The main facade and portico were cleaned recently and reroofing of the north block is under way. About £4million will be spent on maintenance.

British Museum: Mr Peter Youngs, museum superintendant, says that repairs need to be carried out to the seven acres of roof at Bloomsbury. The controversial redecoration of the front hall, part of a "Forth Bridge" operation, starts next year.

The pavement of the forecourt on the north side of the museum will be lifted and relaid to stop leaks into the basement below it.

Glass daylights in the Duveen Gallery, which houses the Elgin Marbles, need to be replaced, and minor but essential repairs

Mr Youngs estimates that about £1.5million will be spent during the next year or so, but that £2.5million would be required to cover all the maintenance and new work envisaged.

Tate Gallery: The main dome, portico and roof to the original seven galleries will be completely refurbished, starting immediately after Christmas.

The gallery wants to install air conditioning in those areas now without it, which would cost £15million to £20million, including sun screens. There is a constant maintenance programme, much of which is devoted to the archaic heating system.

Newspaper witch story condemned

A reporter's bogus reply to a "lonely hearts" advertisement by a "witch" seeking a "magical man" was subterfuge which could not be justified by the public interest, the Press Council said yesterday.

Miss Vivienne Clements, an *information officer of Exmouth*, Devon, complained that a reporter from the *Sunday Independent*, Plymouth, improperly obtained personal information and, with a photographer, intruded into her privacy.

Miss Clements advertised in a local newspaper: "Witch desires magical man to fly alongside, share veggy cauldron and spellbound unpolluted kisses. Earth years 30 plus."

She received a reply, addressed "Dear Witch" and signed "Garry". She later complained to the editor of the *Sunday Independent*, Mr Michael Gabbert, that a reporter had lied to her, saying he was an unemployed salesman who was giving up smoking and trying to be a vegetarian.

A story by Nigel Owen headlined "Viv the witch advertises for a man" appeared in the *Sunday Independent* with a picture. The reporter said that Miss Clements told him she tried ancient spells.



Return of a steam king to Bristol

King Edward II, the Great Western Railway steam locomotive no 6023, arriving back in Bristol by road yesterday from Woodham's scrapyard, Barry Docks, Glamorgan, where preservationists have been looking after it. Harveys of Bristol rescued it to mark the railway's one hundred and fiftieth anniversary.

The locomotive, one of three left of the 30 King class engines built at Swindon between 1927 and 1930, is to go on display at Temple Meads next year, and be restored to working order in the next four years.

The engine and its tender, weighing more than 100 tons, were moved on separate low loaders by Mr Mike Lawrence, of Burnham on Sea, who has transported more than 100 locomotives across Britain.

They were to be lifted to their resting place at the old Fish Dock at Temple Meads by a heavy duty crane sponsored by G W Sparrow & Sons of Bath.

The parties agree on TV time

The political parties at Westminster have agreed next year's allocation of party political broadcasts.

The Tories and Labour will have five television and seven radio broadcasts during the year, the Liberals and the SDP will get two television and three radio, the Scottish National Party two radio, and two television broadcasts in Scotland only, and Plaid Cymru one each on radio and television in Wales only.

The allocations were agreed under a formula of one television broadcast for every two million votes cast, but by tradition the Government and the official Opposition get equal time.

Army of volunteers bring cheer to the homeless

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nal message: and 160, Discline, where the royalties on the two featured records are also being donated to the Ethiopia appeal.

Sir George Jefferson, Telecom chairman, said: "Every call will help to feed the world. One million calls to Discline at 5p each would, for example, generate around £50,000 towards the appeal."

A Discipline Day for Ethiopia last week is estimated to have raised about £10,000.

As much of the nation pondered such matters, thousands choked the lounges and corridors of Heathrow airport in last-minute escapist attempts for Christmas sun or snow.

Virtually all flights to Mediterranean resorts, Switzerland, the Caribbean, the United States and Australia were full, and extra flights or larger aircraft had to be laid on for some routes. Dover reported more people travelling this year, than the last.

The Royal Family, preparing for its Christmas celebrations, spent the weekend at Windsor. Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips had joined them on Friday night.

Shops throughout the country were buoyant, although declining sales in areas affected by the miners' strike were a sombre exception to this year's rather surprising Christmas success story. After a slow start, "it has all happened in the last three weeks," as the John Lewis Partnership said yesterday.

£2m publicity campaign to prevent heroin use by young people

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

A £2 million publicity campaign aimed at combating the heroin menace is being planned by the Government for spring.

Television commercials, possibly featuring addicts, will be screened to try to deter susceptible teenagers from experimenting with the drug.

Hundreds of thousands of leaflets will be aimed at parents and professionals informing them of tell-tale signs that would show if young people are using heroin and what action they should take.

The leaflets will be distributed through doctors' surgeries, social service departments and possibly schools. If they are a success ministers are thinking in terms of having millions run off.

In addition to the publicity drive, a film will be made next year for teachers, social workers and probation officers.

Pete Townshend, the rock star and former heroin user, who spoke out against hard drugs at this year's Conservative Party conference, will be advising on how the film should be produced.

The advertising offensive and film are the latest initiatives from a Whitehall inter-departmental committee, headed by Mr John Patten and Mr David Mellor, junior ministers at the Department of Health and Social Security and the Home Office. It was set up earlier this year and meets monthly to tackle the drugs crisis.

There are an estimated 50,000 heroin addicts, and the figure is known to be growing rapidly. More than a fifth of London's "targeted" criminals are said to be involved in drugs.

After extensive market research, bids were invited from four advertising agencies for the publicity project. Those reached ministers last week. The campaign is scheduled to begin in late February or early March.

Mr Keith Raffan, Conservative MP for Delyn, who is receiving Government backing for his bill to increase the maximum sentence for hard drug pushers from 14 years to life imprisonment, yesterday welcomed the publicity plan.

"It is another important aspect of the Government's concerted attack on drug misuse," he said. "We have already had announcements of extra money for treatment. But prevention is as important as cure, and publicity, particularly a campaign of this kind, plays as crucial a part in prevention as police or customs officers."



Vision from afar: Mrs Janice Moseley with her son, Alexander

Soldier will see son by satellite link

Captain Rupert Moseley of the Royal Engineers, who is on a tour of duty in the Falklands will see his son Alexander, who was born on December 16, for the first time on Noel Edmonds's *Live, Live Christmas Breakfast Show* at 11.05 am on BBC-1 tomorrow.

The programme will use a live satellite link, the first of its kind the BBC says, to be arranged with the Falklands 8,000 miles away. Captain Moseley's wife, Mrs Janice Moseley, said: "I'm really chuffed."

Other servicemen and islanders will be able to send Christmas messages to family and friends in Britain, and schoolchildren in Port Stanley will sing a carol.

The show will also link live into the American breakfast television programme *Good Morning America*.

Drive for more clergy gets under way

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Church of England has launched a recruitment drive to restore the falling number of clergy. A package of publicity literature has been sent with the church's Christmas card to each of the 12,000 clergymen in the country, asking them each to launch their own local campaign for religious vocations.

It comes from the House of Bishops, which is concerned by the continuing drop in the annual rate of recruitment. From 1982 to 1983 it fell from 350 to 303.

The progressive drop has long term implications, because it will effect the ability of the church to maintain clergy in parishes into the beginning of the next century. The drop already indicates a gradual decline in the number of parishes which can be supplied with a full-time clergyman during the next 20 years as clergy retire who were ordained 20 to 30 years ago when the annual intake was much higher.

With each Christmas card a clergyman gets a package consisting of posters, a study guide for parish groups, sermon notes, and a prayer leaflet. There are also information sheets giving details of what the clerical career entails.

A covering letter from the Bishop of Newcastle, the Rt Rev Alec Graham, asks the clergy to organize days of prayer, teaching and discussion. Like most church statistics, the number of candidates for ordination turned upwards at the end of the 1970s, but has since resumed the decline that has been a regular feature of the annual returns for the past two decades.

Recruitment for the part-time "non-stipendiary" ministry, who are ordained while continuing in their secular jobs, has not shown the same pattern of decline,

Attacks on ice cream van drivers continue

By Ronald Faux
Glasgow

Police in Glasgow are investigating claims that the city's "ice cream war" is smouldering on with violence and intimidation still being used against some van drivers.

Two men were given life sentences in October for murdering a family of six after a feud erupted between rival companies operating the vans that drive round the estates selling sweets, crisps, cigarettes and ice cream.

Mr Archie McDougall, general manager of Marchetti Brothers, one of whose drivers was killed, said that the threats to his drivers and damage to the vans had continued since the court case.

"It is costing us a fortune to pay for the repairs to windows and tyres. We now buy the glass direct from the manufacturer," he said.

Associates of Thomas Campbell, the gang leader, serving a minimum sentence of 20 years for the murders, were known to be operating vans on the estates which are largely devoid of shops. According to Mr McDougall the new regulations governing street trading have not helped the position.

The drivers may turn over more than £1,000 a week each, giving a profit of up to £200, he said. That should be good enough to make the operation viable but the cost of repairs and the difficulty of persuading drivers to work on the estates meant that the company had been losing money.

"Quite a few drivers have been subject to harassment, planks of wood with nails driven through them have been left under the tyres, bricks have been hurled at the vans in the darkness and drivers have been threatened with such violence some of them have given up," said Mr McDougall.

Marchetti Brothers have been trading around Glasgow since the 1950s, and Mr McDpougall said they would not be driven away by intimidation. He said that the Strathclyde police were collating reports of attacks on vans in various areas of the city.

Although a "war" between ice cream vans might seem ludicrous, the stakes are high, particularly for any unscrupulous operator

Strathclyde police could not comment yesterday. A spokesman has said that the estates around Glasgow were being *policed and the complaints* investigated.

Memorial for Donald Campbell

Gina Campbell, aged 34, daughter of Donald Campbell, is to unveil a memorial on New Year's Eve, at Lake Dumbleyung near Perth, Western Australia, where her father broke the world speed record 20 years ago.

It was in an attempt to better that record of 276.33 mph that he was killed. His speedboat, Bluebird, crashed on Coniston Water in the Lake District in 1967. His body was not found.

In October Gina Campbell survived a crash which wrecked her speedboat Agfa Bluebird II, after setting a new women's record at more than 120 mph.

Break-in answer to alarm bells

Householders in Dudley, West Midlands, who go on holiday, and whose burglar alarm bells start ringing by accident are likely to find that local council officials have taken out warrants and have sent men round to break in and switch off if there is no way of reaching a key-holder.

The council says that so many houses now have burglar alarms that faulty ringing is a big problem, particularly at holiday times.

Raiders steal truck gearboxes

Gearboxes stolen in midnight raids on parked trucks are being exported for sale on the black market in the third world, according to the Lincolnshire police.

More than 50 gearboxes worth up to £50,000 have been taken from isolated parks, compounds, farms and factories by a gang which can remove one from a vehicle in less than 15 minutes.

Robbery reminder

Part of the locomotive involved in the Great Train Robbery of 1963, its number, 40126, is to be preserved in the Postal History Museum in London after the British Rail engineering works at Doncaster where the locomotive is being dismantled, gave the piece to the Post Office.

Ammonia attack

Ammonia was thrown in the faces of policemen after a fight involving 70 Chelsea football supporters broke out at the Frenchies nightclub in Blackpool early yesterday. Eight supporters are expected to appear in court today.

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Tunnel safe

Summit rail tunnel, near Todmorden, West Yorkshire, in which a fuel train exploded last week, was declared structurally safe by geologists yesterday. There will be a full site inspection on Thursday.

Stricter control of art exports wanted

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The Government is to come under increasing pressure to order a review of the guidelines covering the export of works of art, which many heritage organizations feel are too lax.

Soaring international art prices have made it difficult for many British institutions to bid for items sold through the London houses, and the recent reductions in galleries' and museums' purchase grants and the freezing of the value of items which may be donated to the nation in lieu of tax are expected to aggravate the situation.

The concern in the art world has surfaced in an article by the former Tory junior minister Lord Fanshawe of Richmond, in the magazine of the National Art-Collections Fund, the chief private backer of arts purchases for public institutions.

Lord Fanshawe questions the working of the Waverly guidlines on the export of works of art.

The article points out that it is 32 years since the guidlines were laid down by the Waverly commission.

"Perhaps it is time for an independent committee to be set up by the Minister (for the Arts) to examine the future working in practice of export control, without however questioning the basic principle of preserving an equitable balance between the interests of the state and those of the private citizen.

"The evidence and findings of this committee should be published and would enable the public to reach a better informed judgement as to the real nature of the present worrying situation."

Lord Fanshawe suggests that, meanwhile, the reviewing committee, which decides whether works should have their export licences delayed to give British establishments the chance to buy them, should keep the public more fully and more promptly informed about its practices.

The article suggests three tax concessions to keep works of art in Britain: the end of interim interest charged on a work which is being offered for tax if it is accepted, the intrduction of a tax surplus for someone whose art sales exceeds his tax debt, and a change in capital taxes.

Sir Peter Wakefield, art-collections fund's director, says in the same issue: "The rise in prices of works of art, particularly ones of top museum quality, have shot up

"Even at these prices we must not allow too many of them to leave these shores. We are most unlikely to have a second chance: *once they are gone, they* are gone."

Executed killers are given Christian reburial

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Three executed murderers have been given a short Christian service for their reburial after removal from Gloucester jail, to make way for a new £2 million gatehouse complex.

The Home Office has confirmed that killers hanged in the jail from 1792 to 1939 were buried in unconsecrated ground, without headstones or a Christian funeral.

During the excavations for rebuilding, workmen found an unrecorded drain, estimated to have been laid about 60 years ago. The Home Office said it was believed the other remains were removed at the time.

The remains of the three were taken in coffins by undertakers in Tredworth Road Cemetery Gloucester. Mr Joe Lynch, city superintendent of cemeteries and cremations, said the graves were blessed by the chaplain but were in a section of the cemetery which was not consecrated ground.

The service was conducted by the Rev Sidney Riggs, Vicar of St Mary-de-Lode, and the prison chaplain, the Rev John Thornton.

A licence signed by the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, was issued for the exhumation and reburial of the prisoners.

In 1971, Ruth Ellis, the last woman hanged in Britain, was exhumed with four other executed women killers, when the old Holloway prison was being demolished for rebuilding. Her remains were reburied in St Mary's Churchyard, Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

TV boxing pact under scrutiny

By David Walker

The Office of Fair Trading is to investigate an arrangement signed by leading boxing promoters and the manager of Frank Bruno and Charlie Magri for splitting the proceeds of televised fights.

The Office of Fair Trading, a government agency, may determine that the *arrangement* is an illegitimate restrictive practice and could ask the Monopolies Commission to make a full-scale study of commercial dealings in boxing.

The arrangement, signed in 1979 between Mr Terry Lawless, a boxing manager, Mr Mickey Duff and Mr Mike Barrett, both promoters, and Mr Jarvis Astaire, a financier, is a kind of mutual pact requiring participants to pool the proceeds of fights so they can be shared equally. Due to last until 1988, the agreement covers lucrative contracts for televising fights held at the Wembley Arena and the Albert Hall.

A parallel investigation is to be undertaken by the British Boxing Board of Control.

***The Sunday Times*, which disclosed the agreement, has sent the Office of Fair Trading a lawyer's opinion stating that the agreement conflicts with provisions of the Competition Act 1980 and possibly also falls foul of the Fair Trading Act 1973. If there were a Monopolies**

One man caused Aids outbreak

By a Staff Reporter

The outbreak of Aids which has infected more than 40 people in the south of England is now known to have been started by a homosexual who was a regular blood donor.

The man, aged 27, who has not been identified, last gave blood five days before his illness was diagnosed. The batch of blood collected at the session was later thrown away, but the man had given blood regularly since March 1983, and more *than 40* people who received it now have Aids antibodies. The disease will not become apparent for at least two years, if at all.

A spokesman for the Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday that the incident was the first case in Britain of a known Aids sufferer infecting others through blood donations.

"It is now routine to ask people who are suffering from Aids if they have given blood, *and in this case the man had*," the DHSS said. Health officials say that the case underlines the recent advice to homosexuals not to give blood.

The DHSS is rewriting a leaflet giving advice on blood donations to tell all homosexuals not to give blood, not just those who regularly had more than one sexual partner, as was originally the case. They believe that with 102 people now suffering from the Aids virus, 89 of whom are homosexuals, the original advice was not as *strongly worded as it should* have been.

Date set for cheap transatlantic fares

The British Government has lifted its ban on cheap transatlantic winter air fares and says that cut-price tickets on the London-New York run can start on January 1.

The permission came after an announcement by the United States Justice Department that it would not take legal action against British Airways if it dropped its London-New York fares by 35 per cent this winter.

Britain's decision on Friday to reverse its ban on low winter fares ends a stormy two months in Anglo-American aviation relations.

But the underlying cause of the dispute, Britain's demand for a guarantee against future antitrust prosecutions in the United States for setting low fares, remains unresolved.

"It's purely a short-term solution for the winter", the Department of Transport said.

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) said it had informed airlines flying the London-New York route that if they filed applications for low-cost winter fares before December 27, "they will be approved for January 1".

British Airways said its new round-trip fares, available until the end of March, will cost £259 between London and New York, £40 lower than the present lowest price.

Its advance-purchase or late-purchase round-trip fare from New York to London will be $378 (£315) on weekdays and $428 at weekends.

Other British, American and foreign carriers were expected to file similar fares on the London-New York run. The CAA said on Friday that it had already received applications from British Airways, World Airways and American airlines.

Lake District scheme opposed

The Friends of the Lake District is to oppose a proposal by Arab Investments to develop Braithwaite Fold caravan site at Bowness-on-Windermere at a cost of up to £20 million. South Lakeland District Council has given its approval in principal.

The Braithwaite Fold Protection Group, formed by residents to oppose any commercial development of the site, also confirmed yesterday that it would be increasing its opposition to the London-based firm's proposal.

Licence refunds as transmitters close

By Our Arts Correspondent

Britain's last 405-line television transmitters will be closed by the end of the year. *The Home Office will offer* licence refunds to the 1 per cent of the population who live in areas which cannot receive 625-line transmissions.

Black-and-white transmissions on 405 lines have been phased out over several years. At present, the BBC and ITV claim, the BBC channels and ITV can reach 99 per cent of the population on 625 lines, and nearly 97 per cent can receive Channel 4.

The Home Office recognizes that some people will still be without 625-line television.

Anyone living in an area where it is not possible to receive BBC 2, which has been transmitted on 625 lines since it started, is likely to be affected.

Viewers who believe they are entitled to receive a refund on the unexpired part of their licence fee are advised to write to the National TV Licence Records Office, Bristol BS98 1TL.

The 405-line transmitters which will be closed before the end of the year are: BBC: Winter Hill, Morecambe Bay, Ashkirk, Moel-y-Parc, Betws-y-coed, Pontop Pike, Melvaig, Skriaig, Penifiler, Llandrindod Wells, Crystal Palace, North Hessary Tor, Redruth, Wenvoe (West), Sutton Coldfield, Holme Moss, Sandale (England), Kirk O'Shotts, Rosemarkie, Blaenplwyf, Haverfordwest, Divis, Rowride and Meldrum.

ITV: Winter Hill, Selkirk, Moel-y-Parc, Burnhope, Llandovery, Llandrindod Wells, Croydon, Stockland Hill, Caradon Hill, St Hilary (West), Lichfield, Emley Moor, Caldbeck, Black Hill, Mountcagle, Preseli, Black Mountain and Chillerton Down.

Safety boots tax 'would endanger 3,000 jobs'

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

About 3,000 jobs in making safety footwear are under threat if the Chancellor of the Exchequer extends value-added tax in the next Budget to safety boots, according to the British Footwear Manufacturers Federation.

Until now the score of British makers of safety boots and shoes have been by far the most successful of any footwear makers in beating imports in straight competition. Imports account for less than 5 per cent of the safety market, while well over half of all footwear sold in Britain is imported.

Tax is imposed on safety shoes but safety boots are zero rated. Safety footwear has reinforced toe caps as protection against falling heavy objects but also can have other features such as protective mid soles. Boots are zero rated provided they meet the requisite British Standard.

The federation fears that as the Chancellor switches increasingly to indirect forms of taxation VAT could be imposed on safety boots. That could tempt manufacturers to abandon the British Standard procedure and its expense because the extra cost might no longer be seen to be worthwhile.

The federation, which has been joined in its campaign by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accident, say: "Abolition of zero rating on safety boots would weaken, perhaps fatally, the British Standard and would open the market to untested, non-standard footwear much of which would come in from abroad.

"Abolition might well lead in time to a major loss of share of a smaller home market, putting up to 3,000 jobs at stake."

That is about the number of those employed in the safety footwear sector which last year sold 4.7 million pairs of footwear, mostly on the British market.

If tax was imposed on all safety footwear it was likely to raise for the Treasury only about an additional £3.5 million in a full year, allowing for some contraction in the market, the federation said.

Youth stabbed in chest at village party

Doctors were last night fighting to save the life of a youth and another youth was in danger of losing a leg after they were stabbed during a Christmas party in a village hall in Blackmoor, near Whitehill, Hampshire.

Det Supt Arthur Mandry said that police were having difficulty trying to establish what happened at the discotheque party, attended by 300 young people.

"There were about half a dozen different fights during the evening. The last one was when the stabbings occurred," he said.

Mr Mandry said that the only fight to occur outside was when the injuries were received by four youths. One was stabbed in the chest nearly puncturing his lung and a second was stabbed in the leg.

Women raped within marriage, group says

Ten per cent of battered women seeking refuge have been raped or sexually abused within marriage, according to Scottish Women's Aid.

Ms Shirley Henderson, a spokeswoman for the organization, said the figures were probably much higher, as many women were reluctant to talk about their experiences. "We have no statistics but, given the fact that women in refuges are more likely to have suffered abuse than women in the community as a whole, the chances are that the numbers are higher.

"Many people still have the old idea that when women marry they become their husband's property, and men often think they have the right to demand and take sex whenever they want. In Scotland, a husband can be accused of raping his wife, but in practice only if they are legally separated."

The Women's Aid group in Falkirk and Grangemouth, in Stirlingshire, says that one-tenth of the women who come to them for help confided they were forced to have sex or to perform degrading sexual acts

Poteen sellers on the run

Customs men make life hard at the stills

Customs officers are making life difficult for the manufacturers of poteen, the white spirit distilled illegally north and south of the Irish border and commonly sold for £5 a bottle.

Hundreds of cases of the liquor have been prepared for the secret sales, but seven big stills have been seized in various parts of Northern Ireland, worrying the man behind the potentially lucrative black market.

Loose tongues, anxious parents and painstaking intelligence work have led customs officers to hideouts in a pre-Christmas offensive.

***One store was found at the* bottom of a man's bed in co Antrim and another was hidden behind a wall of bales in a hay shed.**

One man who has more than 2,000 bottles ready for sale in the Sperrin Mountains of co Tyrone said yesterday: "The customs men are really making life hell for us at the moment. We expected this to be our best Christmas, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to shift stuff. They seem to be all over the place.

"We have plenty earmarked for England and Scotland, but the way things are going, people might not be as keen to take the risks.

"Company 'reps', over here on trips, normally smuggle back bottles for friends and relatives, but they don't appear to be as enthusiastic this time. Even the visiting Americans who enjoy a glass or two are slightly apprehensive."

Those caught making poteen, some of which is 100 per cent proof, face maximum penalties of £1,000 and six months in jail.

Poteen, which has been produced in Ireland for centuries, is made from sugar, yeast, treacle, potato peelings, apple skins, and fruit. It is said to cure rheumatic pains and is used to treat sick animals.

Mr Robin Scott, Administration Collector of the Customs and Excise in Belfast, said yesterday: "Christmas is traditionally a busy time, but we are more active this year and the detection rate has never been better.

"Parents are worried that their children can buy it – it's much cheaper than whiskey – and publicans who are losing trade are not too happy either."

Thatcher gives Reagan her backing for critical Geneva meeting

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The United States believes the show of unity on Saturday between Mrs Thatcher and President Reagan over his controversial "star wars" programme, has strengthened America's position as it prepares to enter critical arms talks in Geneva next month with the Soviet Union.

The Administration regards Mrs Thatcher's moral support as vital to the unity of the Western alliance and to its ability to convince Russia of Western resolve. She gave that support unreservedly in three and a half hours of talks at Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland. "We see matters in very much the same light," she said.

There are nevertheless differences of emphasis. While Mrs Thatcher argued that the nuclear doctrine known as "mutual assured destruction" has kept the peace for nearly 40 years, President Reagan believes firmly that space-based anti-ballistic weapons are preferable to deterrence through what he calls "the balance of terror".

But as space-based weapons are years away, the difference is regarded by both sides as academic. The British position clearly is that Mrs Thatcher will continue to support staunchly the research programme, while keeping her options open on testing and deployment of space weapons.

Mrs Thatcher spoke of her "firm conviction" that the "star wars" research should proceed. "If the result of research is that it is decided to go ahead with production and deployment, that has to be a matter for negotiation before those deployments could take place."

She added that any Soviet attempt to divide the West on the project, properly known as the "strategic defence initiative" (SDI) would be a hopeless mission. "Wedge-driving is just not on. I told the President of my firm conviction that SDI research should go on."

What 'Star Wars' is all about

The "Star Wars" project is a five-year, $26 billion research programme into the development of a space-based strategic defence against nuclear missiles in flight.

Possible futuristic concepts include X-ray laser weapons or particle beams. The project is properly known as the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI).

Scientists involved in the programme say the immediate objective is to protect America's 1,00 land-based nuclear arsenal, followed by creation of an impenetrable defence.

She drew an assurance from President Reagan that no space-based anti-missile defence system would be deployed without negotiations with the Soviet Union. She noted that, under existing international agreements, such as the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, research is permissible.

She said that the Soviet strides in space probe development made research by the United States not only purdent, but necessary. "If you agree with the concept of balance, the United States would have to go ahead with that research."

She and Mr Reagan had agreed on four specific points involving arms control as well as the "star wars" plan. "First, the United States and Western aim was not to achieve superiority but to maintain balance, taking account of Soviet developments. Second, that SDI-related deployments would, in view of treaty obligations, have to be a matter of negotiation. Third, the overall aim is to enchance, and not to undermine, deterrence. And fourth, East-West negotiations should aim to achieve security with reduced levels of offensive systems of both sides."

Administration officials were worried by Mrs Thatcher's talks last week in England with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov that "there was no point in his or in the Soviet Union's trying to separate us."

The European allies, including Britain, are delighted that the United States has agreed to put the "star wars" project on the table for the Geneva talks on January 7 and 8, which will be headed by Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister.

The Camp David meeting was marked by the sort of amusing theatre so beloved by Washington. When Mrs Thatcher arrived by helicopter, accompanied by Mr George Bush, the Vice-President, she was greeted by Mr Reagan with a handshake and a kiss. The President escorted her along a windswept causeway to a golf cart and, dressed casually in a sweater, drove her to Aspen Lodge, the presidential residence, for their talks.

● THREE ARRESTS: Three leaders of Irish-American groups were arrested near the British Embassy on Saturday during a protest against British policy in Northern Ireland (AFP reports).

The demonstration, involving about 40 people, was staged while Mrs Thatcher was meeting President Reagan.

Those arrested were Mr Joseph Roche, aged 49, national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, a fraternal group, Father Sean McManus, aged 49, and Mr Leo Cooney, aged 64, respectively national director and East Coast Co-ordinator of the Irish National Caucus.

The three, who were released pending appearance before a judge, delivered a letter for Mrs Thatcher. They then refused to leave and were arrested under an ordinance forbidding demonstrations in the US capital within 150 yards of an embassy.

Shake-up for secret police in Poland

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Polish leader, has unveiled plans for a big shake-up of the secret police and other law enforcement agencies as the Communist Party's response to the murder of the Solidarity priest, Father Jerzy Popieluszko.

Four secret police officers, accused of murder or incitement to murder, will go on trial on Thursday in what promises to be one of the most politically sensitive trials in the Communist bloc for more than 25 years.

The General, who was addressing a full session of the Central Committee at the weekend was clearly paving the way for a purge. One of the new measures to be imposed on the police appears to be a form of positive vetting in which true political allegiances are tested.

Other administrative changes include closer contact between the Warsaw party cell and the Interior Ministry, closer control by the Central Committee administrative department, the installation of hand-picked officers from the Interior Ministry, to watch over the running of departments, the setting up of a committee to exchange information between ministry departments; and the encouragement of outsiders to join the Interior Ministry to end the inbreeding and improve the education of the police.

To deflect criticism that he was pursuing a vendetta against the police, General Jaruzelski criticized lawyers, judges and barristers who were not strict enough in sentencing criminals.

Although the man previously in charge of Communist control of the secret police, Mr Miroslaw Milewski, retained his seat in the Politburo, the General made a number of key changes lower down in the hierarchy.

Mr Janusz Kabasiewicz is to be the new head of the Central Committee administrative department – which oversees the Interior Ministry party cell; General Wladyslaw Honkisz will take on the key job of selecting future Communist cadres for training.

From a report read to the Central Committee, it is clear that the general feels that the Popieluszko murder was allowed to occur because the Interior Ministry, which has overall charge of the secret police, had become too inbred, often recruiting sons and relatives of former officers, owing more allegiance to their own cabals than to the Communist Party.

● WARSAW: The report was released as General Jaruzelski gave a firm assurance to the Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Giulio Andreotti, that all those traced in connection with the killing would be punished (Reuter reports). The two men met for two and a half hours after Signor Andreottia had visited Popieluszko's church

The authorities appeared satisfied with the four-day visit

● PRAGUE: President Gustav Husak, in an unusual exchange of letters with the nation's Roman Catholic Primate, Cardinal Frantisex Tomasex, has pledged to guarantee religious *freedom in Czecholslovakia* (AP reports).

Botha veto on direct negotiations with ANC

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

President Botha of South Africa has firmly denied that his Government is prepared to hold direct talks with the African National Congress (ANC) early in the new year as part of an important new peace initiative.

It was reported at the weekend that a group of National Party MPs would travel to Lusaka, the Zambain capital, next month to meet ANC representatives.

The report followed a call for such talks by the leading Afrikaans newspaper, *Beeld*. The newspaper published a series of articles on the ANC which were fundamentally different from the usual diatribes in the pro-government press and based on lengthy interviews with ANC representatives in Lusaka.

However, President Botha state this weekend: "It is not government policy to negotiate with organizations engaged in promoting violence in South Africa. No parliamentarians of the Nationalist Government will be allowed to do so.

"We are always willing to talks to groups of peoplw who follow the road of constitutional development, but not to those who are fostering violence."

The last part of the statement was interpreted in some quarters as an indication that the Government might be considering talking to ANC leaders now held in South African jails.

There have been persistent rumours in recent months that it is considering the release of Mr Nelson Mandela, although the official line is that he is as unrepentant and hardline as ever, despite 20 years in prison.

However, Mr Louis Le Grange, Minister of Law and *Order, hinted in a recent* interview that the release of some of Mr Mandela's chief lieutenants, such as Mr Walter Sisulu, was not entirely out of the question.

Despite President Botha's firm denial on talks with the ANC, restlessness within the National party for the negotiations appears to be growing. A number of the party youth leaders who met in Pretoria recently are reported to have favoured direct contact.

Meanwhile, Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, confirmed this weekend that he recently visited a number of East African countries. He did not name them, but they are believed to have included Malawi and the Comoro Islands in the Indian Ocean, and also Saudi Arabia.

Mr Botha said the visits concern efforts to halt the supply of arms to the Renamo rebel movement in Mozambique under the terms of the Nkomati accord, signed by South Africa and Mozambique in March.

● PIETERSBURG: Reports that police chased blacks off the streets of this conservative South African town on Saturday morning, to enable whites to do their last-minute Christmas shopping, are to be investigated, Colonel Johannes du Toit, police liaison officer for the northern region, said yesterday (AP reports).

Colonel du Toit denied that orders were given for patrolmen to tell the blacks to leave.

● PRETORIA: Black families at Kwangema, 150 miles east of Johannesburg, who appealed to the Queen in their fight against their removal to make way for a reservoir, have won compensation and the right to build new homes higher *up the valley (Reuter reports).*

Two-wheel cab: A scooter taxi service to beat the Paris *traffic jams is expected to start operating in the New Year on* short journeys within the city.

Banknote torrent drowning Israel

Jerusalem (Reuter) – Israel's inflation-plagued economy has deteriorated to a point where the country is totally dependent on the good will of the United States, the Communications Minister, Mr Amnon Rubinstein, admitted yesterday.

Mr Rubinstein, who represents the centrist Shinui Party in the nine-party coalition, told Israel radio that the Government was sabotaging the success of a three-month price and wage freeze, designed to slow down the current inflation rate of 800 per cent a year, by printing huge quantities of money to finance subsidies of imported fuel and basic foodstuffs.

"We are drowning in a torrent of banknotes", he said. Israel's economic situation "has brought us to total dependence on the United States", Mr Rubinstein added.

Bank of Israel officials have said the Government has been printing shekels at the rate of about $16 million a day so far this month.

The Foreign Minister, Mr Yitzak Shamir, told yesterday's weekly Cabinet meeting that, "contrary to some published reports, the United States has not refused to increase aid to Israel".

Last week Israel asked Washington for $4 billion for 1986 and an extra $800 million in addition to the $2.6 billion already promised

Finance Ministry officials have said that the country's foreign currency reserves could run out by the middle of 1985 unless massive United States aid was forthcoming.

The Reagan Administration has said it is postponing a decision on the request and some Israel newspapers have interpreted the response as a sign that Washington would not provide more aid until the Israeli Govemment took *sweeping austerity measures.*

The Cabinet yesterday approved the appointment of Mr Yosef Burg, head of the National Religious Party, as Minister of Religious Affairs and of Mr Yitzhak Peretz, of the Shas Party, as Minister of the Interior, thus ending a dispute over ministerial funding for religious activities between the two parties which last week threatened to bring down the Government.

The Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, has headed both ministries for three months, promising to settle conflicting demands for the posts.

● TEL AVIV: Israeli police yesterday announced that they had foiled an attack on the US Embassy by Arab gunmen earlier this month and were holding six prisoners (Moshe Brilliant writes).

A communiqué issued after the story appeared in the American media, said the suspects did not belong to a terrorist organization.

Passenger shoots New York muggers

New York (Reuter) – A *passenger, apparently afraid he* would be attacked by four muggers on an underground train, pulled out a gun and methodically shot all four in the chest, police said.

Two of the four were listed in a critical condition in hospital and the other two in a serious condition. Police said three had criminal records.

The train's condutor, who heard the shots and stopped the train, found four men sprawled on the floor and a man in a seat holding a gun. The conductor asked the man if he was a police officer. "No," the man replied. The conductor asked if he had a licence for the gun. "No," was the reply.

The man then ran past the conductor, jumped off the train and escaped, police said.

More killer chemical found

Bhopal (Reuter) – Scientists on Saturday ended neutraliza*tion of 25.5 tonnes of the* lethal chemical which killed 2,500 people here – nearly twice the amount shown in factory records.

"Operation Faith", to turn liquid methyl isocyanate into pesticide, was completed two days late because of extra quantities found in an underground tank and steel drums at The Union Carbide plant.

Lloyd loses

*Sydney (Reuter) – An Austra*lian appeal court has overturned a Aus $100,000 (£71,000) damages award to the West Indies cricket captain, Clive Lloyd, for alleged defamation by *The Melbourne Age.* newspaper, which in 1982 queried whether commercial pressures had led to the West Indies losing a World Series match against Australia.

Given the chop

Peking (Reuter) – A day after chopsticks were called unhygienic by Mr Hu Yaobang, China's Communist Party chief, *The People's Daily* has praised the Western style of eating off individual plates with a knife and fork. Saying it reflects a *"civilized, healthy and scientific* way of life".

Sit-in ended

Annecy (AFP) – Riot police used wire-cutters to breach a wire fence at the French headquarters of the US Gillette razor company, ending a two-week occupation by 30 striking employees.

No survivors

Orangeville, Utah (Reuter) – Rescue workers have found the bodies of 25 people killed in the Utah coal mine disaster and have abandoned hope of finding two men still missing, the Emery Mining Company said.

Budget boost

Ankara (Reuter) – Turkey's parliament has approved a 1985 budget of $13bn (£11bn), a slight increase from the Government's draft.

Piece of cake

Brussels (AP) – A Belgian baker sold what he claimed is the longest Christmas cake ever made – a "yule log" measuring 541ft 4in – at 10 francs (13p) a *slice to help poor children.*

Russia after Ustinov

Kremlin praise for Gorbachov visit

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Soviet officials expressed satisfaction yesterday with the outcome of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's visit to Britain last week, *saying that, even though it had* been cut short by Marshal Ustinov's death, there had already been a distinct gain for Anglo-Soviet relations.

But the officials said privately that the British Government might now "step up anti-Soviet propaganda" in order to remind the British People of the Soviet threat and allay any American feas that Britain had been lulled by Mr Gorbachov's charm into a sense of false security.

Mr Gorbachov's talks were given prominent treatment in the Soviet media, and *Pravda* praised the 53-year-old heir apparent to Mr Chernenko for bringing a "new sense of reality" to London. Russian readers and viewers were not told of Mr Gorbachov's personal impact, or that of his elegant and personable wife, Rais Such details are frowned on by the Kremlin and only the leader himself is allowed a "cult of personality".

Observers said Mr Gorbachov would have to be careful not to be seen to challenge the 73-year-old Mr Chernenko. On the other hand, the fact that Mr Gorbachov announced the news of Marshal Ustinov's death on Friday in Edinburgh, hours before the news was given to the Soviet people by Moscow *television, underlines his confi*dence and stature.

Pravda said the visit had opened up broad possibilities for the expansion of trade, which would not only benefit both countries economically but would also "make a major contribution towards the improvement of the overall climate of Soviet-British relations".

It a quoted Lord jellicoe, chairman of the Overseas Trade Board – who visited Moscow on the eve of Mr Gorbachov's trip – as deploring the fact that Britain had slipped far down the list of Russia's trading partners. The trading possibilities were now "truly boundless", however, Lord Jellicoe told *Pravda.*

Soviet officials said they were gratified that Mrs Thatcher had opposed further space weapons *developments during her dis*cussions with Mr Gorbachov. They hoped the Prime Minister would impress this view on President Reagan, even though she had subsequently reiterated Britain's firm links with the United States and had strongly *backed Mr Reagan's views on* "Star Wars" systems. "We understand that Britain is part of an alliance", one source said.

The Soviet press has described Mr Gorbachov's talks as constructive. Observers said the visit had added to Mr Gorbachov's stature at a time when the death of Marshal Ustinov had underlined the mortality of the Politburo's older generation. On the other hand, Mr Gorbachov would have to ensure that he was not accused in Kremlin circles of having allowed the *visit to revolve round his* youthful and energetic image

As Mrs Thatcher arrived in Washington at the weekend for talks with President Reagan, Tass vehemently attacked the "Star Wars" concept. It said the Pentagon's hopes that Moscow could "give its blessings" to the programme, and even share the *military technology involved,* were "absolutely groundless".

Mr Reagan's argument amounted to the assertion that millions of people in Britain, France, Russia and elsewhere who favoured peace in space were "allegedly not altogether aware of the facts", Tass commented.

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Sokolov is safe choice for the job

From Richard Owen
Moscow

By choosing Marshal Sergei Sokolov, aged 73, to head the Defence Ministry, the Politburo has reverted to the traditional Soviet practice of putting defence in the hands of an experienced senior career officer rather than a party and government official like Marshal Dmitry Ustinov. on the other hand, in view of his age, Marshal Sokolov could be a temporary custodian of the defence portfolio. He is in any case likely to prove a cautious and orthodox minister.

Marshal Sokolov came to prominence on November 7 this year when he deputized for the ailing Marshal Ustinov at the annual military parade. He



Marshal Sokolov: Does not wield Ustinov's power.

had been First Deputy Defence Minister since 1967, and President Chernenko has in effect made the safest choice by promoting the next in line according to protocol.

Marshal Sokolov does not wield the political power of Marshal Usrinov, a key member of the Kremlin old guard.

Sergei Leodidovich Sokolov was born on July 1, 1911, at Yevpatoriya in the Crimea. His official biography says he came from an office worker's family. After a brief spell in industry, he joined the Army in 1932, becoming a party member five years later. As a young officer, Marshal Sokolov gravitated towards tanks and heavy armour divisions, eventually becoming a battalion commander.

Marshal Sokolov survived the Stalin purges of the Red Army and in the post war years climbed steadily the military ladder by taking specialized courses in tanks and mechanized armour at military academies, including the General Staff College, where he rubbed shoulders with senior officers. By 1969 he was head of the Moscow military district general staff, moving the equivalent position in Leningrad four years later.

Marshal Sokolov was recalled to Moscow in 1967 to become First Deputy Defence Minister, gaining the rank of Marshal in 1978.

Svetlana to live in Stalin's homeland

Svetlana Alliluyeva, Stalin's daughter, has been granted permission to live in her father's native republic of Georgia with her American-born daughter, Olga, sources in Tbilisi have confirmed Richard Owen writes from Moscow.

Svetlana, who returned to the Soviet Union two months ago after 17 years in the West, *initially took* up residence at a Moscow hotel. But a week ago she travelled to Tbilisi to request a Georgian residence permit. Sources in Tbilisi said a letter granting her residence rights had been read to local party meetings.

She and Olga have been allocated a flat in a prestige block reserved for Georgian VIPs.

Sources said Olga, aged 13, would attend School No. 53 in Tbilisi. She is learning Russian and will also learn Georgian.

Three missionaries sent to jail in Greece

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Three protestant missionaries – a Briton, an American and a Greek – have received stiff prison sentences of three and a half years each for allegedly proselytizing a Greek Orthodox youth and estranging him from his family.

The Athens court found Mr Alan Williams, aged 51, who holds dual British and New Zealand citizenship, Mr Don Stephens, aged 39, of Colarado, and Mr Constantine Makris, president of the Hellenic Apostolic Mission, guilty during a weekend hearing lasting 16 hours.

The judges were told that Constantine Kotopoulos, aged 16, had become friendly with the missionaries at Elefsis, a port west of Athens in 1981 in the hope of improving his English, but later joined their faith.

The defendants were at the time converting an 11,700-ton vessel bought in Italy into a "ministry ship" equipped with a 50-bed hospital to bring relief to disaster areas all over the world. The ship was named Anastasis II (Greek for Resurrection).

The ship was a project lauched by "Youth with a Mission", an American-financed evangelical organization which claims 35,000 members in 50 countries. The vessel is now in Los Angeles.

Mr Williams, chaplain of the Anastasis II, and Mr Stephens, in charge of training, returned to Athens this week to try to clear their names when they heard they had been sued by the boy's mother.

Both said they had refrained from seeing the boy after his divorced mother had obtained a restraining order. The boy said he was a Protestant

The defendants said they were prepared to go to jail and spend Christmas there But th. were freed pending an appeal hearing.

Busy year ahead in space

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

The United States hopes to launch 13 shuttle missions next year to deliver communications satellites and a number of secret military satellites, plus conducting research and experiments.

Only six missions have been firmly scheduled, and one by the Challenger may be delayed because of repairs to the heat shield. Challenger was originally *due to deliver a secret Air Force* satellite on December 8, but Discovery is now due to fly in its place on January 23. After that, the projected schedule is as follows:

Feb 20: Challenger is to deliver a shuttle tracking satellite and a *Felsat Canada* Communications satellite. This launch may be delayed by the heat shield problem. About 4,000 heat-resistant tiles have to be removed because a bonding layer underneath the tiles has softened.

March 19: Discovery to retrieve an experimental package left in orbit last April and to launch a Navy Communications satellite.

***April 30:** Challenger takes up a* space laboratory.

May 30: Discovery to launch three communications satellites.

July 9: Challenger to fly again on a seven-day mission conducting experiments.

July 24: Discovery to deliver three communications satellites – one for the Navy, one for Australia, and one for the American Satellite Corporation.

Sept 6: First flight of the shuttle Atlantis on a secret Defence Department mission.

Oct 4: Columbia to carry a space laboratory for West Germany.

Oct 5: Discovery to make the first flight from the new shuttle pad at *Vandenberg Air Force* base California

Nov 6: Challenger to deliver three communications satellites.

Nov 27: Atlantis to deposit two satellites.

Dec 20: Columbia to deliver two communications satellites.

Couple freed unharmed from island kidnappers

Noumea. (AFP) – The brother of a militant supporter of New Caledonian independence and his girlfriend spoke yesterday of their three-day kidnapping ordeal when police surrounded the farm where they were held hostage.

Armand Guiart, the 31-year-old son of a leading French ethnologist and a brother of a campaigner for Melanesian rights, was kidnapped on Friday with his friend by anti-independence settlers at a roadblock in Bourail, on the west coast of this French Pacific territory. Bourail has become a stronghold of pro-French white settlers in the recent agitation for independence by native Melanesians.

Mr Guiart said his kidnappers *wanted to exchange him* for his brother, René. "They said they would not hand René over to the police." he explained. All they wanted him to do was to make him leave the island.

René has lived on New Caledonia for four years and is on a pro-Melanesian committee seeking to force white settlers to move from the west coast plains that constitute the islands main agricultural land.

The couple said two helicopters passed overhead yesterday morning, which appeared to frighten their kidnappers, who took them into the bush. When police found them, the kidnappers did not put up any resistance. Seven people were arrested.

Gas blast kills 100 in Tbilisi block of flats

From Our Own Correspondent
Moscow

A gas explosion ripped through a nine-storey block of flats in Tbilisi earlier this month, killing more than 100 people, according to eye-witnesses in the Georgian capital. The explosion apparently was caused by a gas leak. Earlier reports of a bomb are widely discounted.

The *reports arose* because one victim of the explosion was the KGB investigator dealing with the case of nine young Georgians who tried unsuccessfully to hijack an Aeroflot airliner to Turkey a year ago to escape to the West.

Emergency US airlift to Sudan refugees

Washington (Reuter) – President Reagan has ordered an emergency airlift to help ensure the survival of tens of thousands of people fleeing from Ethiopia's famine into the Sudan, the US Aid Administrator, Mr Peter McPherson said here.

Mr McPherson, who briefed Mr Reagan on Saturday, said the action was in response to an appeal from the United Nations High Commissioner in response to an appeal from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr Poul Hartling.

The first flight by an Air Force C-130 is due to land at Kassala in eastern Sudan today with relief supplies from the US Agency for International Development disaster stockpile in Livorno, Italy.

Today, the first shipment of privately-donated measles vaccine for 100,000 people will arrive by commercial aircraft in Khartoum. It will be taken *overland to Kassala, where the* lives of many children are threatened by the disease.

The massive flow of refugees to Sudan is swamping UN and Sudanese efforts to care for them, Mr McPherson said. Just outside Kassala, more than 35,000 Ethiopians have no locally available water, no shelter and little food, he added.

● KHARTOUM: Senator Edward Kennedy arrived here to see at first hand the situation in Sudan.

Lee hints at changes in electoral system after voters dent his majority

From Stephen Taylor
Singapore

Singapore's increasingly youthful and affluent electorate sent out a clear signal to Mr Lee Kuan Yew in Saturday's general election for a more compassionate and less authoritarian style of government.

Mr Lee's People's Action Party (PAP), which secured clean sweeps at the last three election, lost two seats to opposition candidates and, perhaps more significantly, had its share of the overall vote reduced from 75 per cent in 1980 to 63 per cent.

The Prime Minister responded at his traditional post-election press conference that he did not see the result as a rebuke, but expressed misgivings about the one-man one-vote system and indicated possible electoral changes.

Having won all the 77 remaining seats in an enlarged parliament, the PAP retained an overwhelming majority, but there was no disguising the party's disappointment, or its failure to guage the extent of disgruntlement over controversial domestic issues.

Saying he did not want to be "apocalyptic", Mr Lee went on, however: "If it continues this way, the one-man one-vote system must lead to our decline, if not our disintegration."

Asked if be envisaged any alternatives, he said there might be modifications "to see it does not run too far." Pressed further, he added that it "might be necessary to put safeguards in the way people use their votes to coerce."

STATE OF PARTIES

	Candidates	Seats	Votes	%
Peoples Action Party	79	77	558,310	64.38
Workers Party	15	1	110,939	12.79
Singapore Democratic Party	4	1	24,805	3.7
Others	22	0	160,593	18.2

The sole opposition MP in the last parliament, Mr Ben Jeyaretnam, leader of the Workers Party, retained the Anson constituency, which he won at a by-election in 1981, with an increased majority. He will be joined in opposition by Mr Chien See Tong, who won the Singapore Democratic Party's first parliamentary seat by a comfortable margin.

Both men campaigned on calls to turn back encroachments by the PAP into private life. Their victories were gained in spite of a personal admonition to their constituents by Mr Lee.

A jubilant Mr Jeyaretnam said: "Singapore is now firmly on the road to democracy."

Three other constituencies came close to falling to the Workers Party, which fielded 15 candidates. But voters moved towards all seven opposition parties and even some rank "no-hopers" received 25 per cent of the vote in their constituencies.

It was this protest element which led Mr Lee to describe the vote as an attempt by a new generation "to put pressure on the PAP – to be more generous in our policies, less austere". Out of this he saw a possbility that the young might forge a consensus with a new set of goals for Singapore. "Eyebrows will be raised, but adversity can always be turned to advantage", he said.

From the outset, youth had been the dominant feature of the election. While the PAP sought to transfer control to a new generation of politicians, there was always danger of a youthful backlash to the patronizing elements of government policy. As the campaign wore on, the ruling party was forced increasingly on to the defensive.

One of the few encouraging aspects for Mr Lee was the solid endorsement gained by his son, Brigadier Lee Hsien Loong. Contesting his first election and burdened by the hopes of those who see him as his father's natural successor, the young Lee was one of only three PAP candidates to gain more than 80 per cent support in their constituencies.

The Prime Minister is expected to name his Cabinet in the next few days and Brigadier Lee is likely to be given his first real political responsibility, possibly in the health portfolio.





Picture power: Rajiv Gandhi's £2 million election publicity dwarfs his opponents' campaigns. Photograph: Sophie Baker.

India expects Rajiv to win with ease

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

Three hundred and ninety million electors begin going to the polls today in the biggest expression of democratic choice anywhere in the world, and unless political punditry and opinion polling are totally to be disgraced will elect Mr Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) party back to power with a thumping majority.

A billion photographs of the young Prime Minister decorate walls, bridges and rocks the country round. They are plastered like postage stamps on advertisement hoardings and flutter like bunting from strings across countless city streets.

People are voting for the Congress Party because, like a senior and distinguished old boy of the Prime Minister's school, "I think the candidate in my constituency, Mr K. C. Pant, is a good man", or like Pyarelal Aurora, a cook, "I'll have voted Congress all my life and my father did before me". Others will be voting Congress because Congress politicians have protected them from eviction or prosecution, or because the candidate is from the same caste or religion.

Many will be voting for continuity, for giving the young man a chance, and because he seems to be winning and everyone likes to be on the winning side.

According to opinion polls, the Congress Party stands to gain around 57 per cent of the popular vote. Since in 1983 Mrs Indira Gandhi, Mr Gandhi's assassinated mother, obtained two-thirds of the seats in Parliament with only 42.7 per cent of the votes, it is possible that some dramatic extinction of the Opposition may occur. On the other hand, it is notoriously difficult to construct a model of the Indian electorate that will accurately forecast voting preferences to within 10 percentage points either way.

The most recent poll, in the fortnightly magazine *India Today*, suggested that Congress would win 366 seats of the reconstituted house.

However, 13 seats in Punjab and 14 in Assam have been put off indefinitely because of the troubles there. Snow has caused voting to be postponed in the Ladakh constituency of Jammu and Kashmir and in three other constituencies – in Madras North in Tamil Nadu, in Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh, and in Chail in Uttar Pradesh. The appalling tragedy in Bhopal, where more than *2,000* people *died* of *gas* poisoning, has likewise caused the postponement of the poll there. The snowbound voters will cast their votes in June: the other four constituencies will vote on January 28.

In the union territory of Mizoram, there will be no election because the Congress candidate in the only constituency there has no opposition.

Twelve states and six union territories will have their elections today. Two states and two union territories will vote on December 27, four major states including the largest of them all, Uttar Pradesh, will poll on both days. Two states in *the mountainous north-east will* have their election on December 28.

The votes will begin to be counted on December 28 with some results being declared that evening.

HOW THEY STAND IN LOK SABHA

The present strength in the House (the Lok Sabha, or People's Assembly) is as follows:

Congress (I)	339
Communist Party of India (Marxist)	36
Lok Dal	23
Janata	21
Bharatiya Janata Party	16
Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam	14
Communist Party of India	13
Democratic Socialist Party	8
Congress (Socialist)	5
Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam	3
Jammu and Kashmir National Conference	3
Rashtriya Sanjay Manch	3
Telegu Desam	2
Other parties	14
Unattached	18
Speaker	1
Seats vacant	25
Total	544

This total includes two nominated members from the Christian community. There are therefore 542 seats technically open for election.

PARTY CANDIDATES

In all, 5,301 candidates are fighting the election, the eighth since the Constitution was established in 1950. The largest number are independents. Those candidates supported by parties are as follows:

Congress	492
Bharatiya Janata Party	226
Janata Party	207
Lok Dal	168
Communist Party of India	61
Communist Party of India (Marxist)	59
Congress (Socialist)	32
State Parties (DMK, ADMK, NC etc.)	117
Others	142

Heseltine pays for anger over Sikh exiles

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

A visit to India by Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, has been cancelled in a move that is widely interpreted as the latest step in the worsening of relations between the two countries. Relations are souring because of what the Indians see as Britain's "unwillingness" to clamp down on Sikh extremists in exile, and in particular on Dr Jagjit Singh Chauhan, self-styled leader of The Khalistan movement.

Khalistan (Land of the Pure) is the name given to the independent Sikh state which the extremists aspire to carve out of Punjab. Dr Chauhan lives in Reading, and though his Indian passport has been withdrawn he is able to get around on travel documents issued by the British Government.

His statements after the army action at the Golden Temple of Amritsar, saying that Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, faced assassination as a result, which were given publicity by the BBC, were widely interpreted here as a direct threat to her life.

His statement after her death that her son, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the new Prime Minister, could also be shot, was also seen as a direct threat or incitement. The BBC apologized for giving publicity to this later statement.

There is genuine puzzlement among the Indian people as to why Dr Chauhan is allowed to get away with this in a country which is supposed to be friendly. This has found expression in a series of demonstrations outside the British High Commission and outside the BBC correspondent's home in Delhi.

British officials and ministers have made the point that Dr Chauhan has been careful to phrase his remarks in a way that keeps him clear of any successful prosecution.

They also point out that he may not now be deported from Britain since he has been resident for 13 years. Nor under international treaties may he be deprived of his travel documents.

Since the legal niceties preventing immediate action against Dr Chauhan would be unlikely to deter the Indian Government in similar circumstances, the Indians feel that there is a lack of will to prosecute him in Britain.

A businessman dealing in defence contracts between India and Britain told me yesterday that the ill-feeling being generated over Dr Chauhan was likely to prejudice forthcoming negotiations over the awarding of contracts.

India has also decided to put off an exhibition by British Aerospace in Delhi and Bangalore in February.

Bachelor lawyer to lead Malta

From Austin Sammut,
Valletta

The new Prime Minister of Malta is Dr Carmello Mifsud Bonnici, who was sworn in just after Mr Dom Mintoff announced his resignation on Saturday night.

The former Prime Minister, who is 68, said he would continue to occupy his seat in Parliament. At present be is still leader of the Malta Labour Party, although he is expected to hand over the leadership to Dr Mifsud Bonnici.

Mr Mintof has been considering his resignation for some months. It had been expected for some time that he would resign on Saturday, after his return from an official visit to Moscow.



Dr Mifsud Bonnici: Never fought an election.

According to informed sources, be was to have handed over to Dr Mifsud Bonnici in early October but postponed his announcement because of the crisis in Malta over the future of church schools.

In his last speech a Prime Minister Mr Mintoff assured members of the Opposition that whatever he might have said in the heat of the moment, he had not intended to hurt individuals.

He also announced that oil and gas deposits had been found near the Malta coast during the last two weeks. While it remained to be seen whether extracting them was commercially viable, reports were optimistic.

The new Prime Minister is a lawyer. In 1980 he was elected deputy leader to succeed Mr Mintoff.

A 51-year-old bachelor, he has never contested a general election. He was co-opted an MP in 1983 and appointed senior Deputy Prime Minister. His last post was Minister of Education.

Mintoff epoch brought radical upheaval

From Our Correspondent, Valletta

Mr Dom Mintoff became leader of the Malta Labour Party in 1949 after ousting Dr (later Sir) Paul Boffa on his return from Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. The party took an immediate swing to the left and there was a resurgence of working-class support.

He was first elected Prime Minister in 1955, backing a programme for Malta's integration with Britain. But talks failed, and in 1958, after civil disorder on the island, he and his government resigned.

By 1964, when Malta was granted independence, he had come round to it himself, although disagreeing with his contemporary, the nationalist leader, Dr George Borg Olivier, on the method of obtaining it and the mode of sustaining it.

In the early 1960s, Mr Mintoff clashed with the Church, led by the militant archbishop, Sir Michael Gonzi, and was the subject of a Vatican interdict. This fierce battle left its mark, although shortly before his return to power in 1971, peace was made. In the past 35 years, Mr Mintoff has been the most dominant and controversial personality in Malta. But the years since 1971 will stand out as the Mintoff epoch when his particular brand of socialism brought one radical change after another.

Within six months of becoming Prime Minister in June 1971, he had engaged the British Government in a battle for increased financial aid in return for base facilities. In March 1972, agreement was reached.

After coming to terms with most opposition MPs, he abolished the monarchy and instituted a republic in 1974.

In 1979 came what has been hailed by his supporters as his finest hour: the closure of the British military base and resultant "expulsion of the foreigner".

Ironically, it was at this point that Mr Mintoff's popularity and that of his party, which he dominated and personified, began to wane. After the 1981 general election, he had a parliamentary majority but the popular vote went in favour of the opposition Nationalist Party.

His foreign policy has always been unpredictable. Declaring Malta's neutrality, he then signs military agreements with North Korea and Libya, and provides bunkering facilities for the Soviet Union.

In one area, he has been consistent: hard bargaining. Many will find it difficult to believe that Dom Mintoff has finally retired.

Chinese to sign trade agreement with Russia

From Mary Lee
Peking

China and the Soviet Union will take another step towards improving relations by signing a long-term economic and trade agreement before next July. A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mr Yu Zhizhong, said yesterday that the agreement would be for the period 1986-90, the length of China's seventh five-year plan.

Three rounds of talks have taken place between the visiting Soviet First Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Ivan Arkhipov, and the Chinese Second Vice-Premier, Mr Yao Yilin, on co-operation in the economic, scientific, trade and technical fields.

Mr Yu said the discussions were held in a friendly and constructive atmosphere.

Mr Arkhipov will be visiting Shenzhen, China's showcase special economic zone in Guangdong province close to Hong Kong, to see for himself how China has integrated capitalist enterprises in its socialist fabric. He will also visit Canton, the provincial capital, which enjoys far greater economic freedom than anywhere else in the country, and Wuhan.

Mr Arkhipov was the chief Soviet adviser here while China was drawing up its first five-year plan in the 1950s.

Without going into details, Mr Yu said Mr Arkhipov and Mr Yao had exchanged views on international issues of common concern and on bilateral relations. Saturday's *People's Daily* reported that Mr Yao "sincerely hoped the two countries will normalize relations and restore friendship and good neighbourliness".

This means China wants the Soviet Union to reduce its troop strength along the common border, withdraw from Afghanistan, and end its support of Vietnam's occupation of Cambodia.

Western sources, however, point out that, while efforts are being made to boost Sino-Soviet Trade to $1.4 billion this year, much of the trade is on a barter basis. It will be interesting to see whether the new agreement will enable China to pay for heavy Soviet machinery needed to upgrade the industrial projects the Russians helped build more than 20 years ago.

● NO PURGE: China will not bring to justice any of Mao Tse-tung's fanatical Red Guards who killed and humiliated millions in many parts of China in 1966 (Reuter reports).

Mr Bo Yibo, co-ordinator of a national Communist Party campaign to eradicate ultra-leftism, told a Central Committee meeting that the party had decided not to investigate former Red Guards "because they were too young to understand" – the New China News Agency reported.

1,000 held in strike-hit Bangladesh

Dhaka (Reuter) – About 1,000 people were arrested throughout Bangladesh and two people were killed in clashes with police on the first day of a 48-hour anti-government national strike.

Shops and factories were shut yesterday, and most transport stayed off the roads, as the strike entered its second day. Troops continued to patrol the main towns.

About 5,000 university students in the northern town of Rajshahi began evacuating the campus, where violence erupted on Saturday after police shot dead a student leader.

Authorities asked students to leave after the student and another person were killed and at least a dozen people injured as police dispersed a crowd trying to stop a train.

Residents in Rajshahi said they staged demonstrations and fought pitched battles with police, who used tear gas and batons. They said the town was still tense.

Students were also told to leave Dhaka university.

The main opposition groups, which called the strike to try to force President Ershad to end military rule, called it an unprecedented success which proved that people had no confidence in the military Government.

The strike went ahead despite the President's promise last week to withdraw martial law, abolish all military courts and prepare for parliamentary elections next April. Opposition leaders said the promises were not sincere.

Sri Lanka peace formula rebuffed by all

From Donovan Moldrich, Colombo

President Jayewardene's scheme for a devolution of power in Sri Lanka through provincial councils has been rejected by the main Tamil parties, influential sections of his own United National Party Government, the Supreme Council of the Buddhist clergy and the main opposition Freedom Party, led by Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranike, the former Prime Minister.

The President told the concluding session of the all-party conference on the problems of the Tamil minority on Friday that he hoped his scheme would bring some peace, stability and unity to the country and that he was prepared to submit it to a national referendum or a general election.

Leaders of the Tamil United Liberation Front told the president on Saturday that the draft Bills he had placed before the conference fell far short of the regional autonomy they were seeking for the Tamil northern and eastern provinces. They said the repetition of some of the features of the scheme for district development councils evolved in 1980 was totally unacceptable to the Tamil people.

In a memorandum they said that while they had endeavoured to work out a peaceful solution, time was now running out.

Mr Cyril Mathew, Minister of Industries and Scientific Affairs, who is also president of the powerful Jatika Sevaka Sangamaya (National Workers' Union), said he was unable to advise anyone to agree to the proposed legislation for provincial councils or a second chamber. Dr Walpola Rahula, secretary of the Supreme council of the Buddhist Clergy, which boycotted the last two meetings of the all-pary conference, said President Jayewardene's proposals, judged "from the outward signs", would spell doom for the country.

Mrs Bandaranike asked the government to drop its proposals entirely on the ground that they would lead to a division of the country along the lines of narrow sectarian and personal interests.

A body teaser to exercise the brain

Keep the Christmas torpor at bay with this quiz devised by games master **Tom Kremer**. It has two versions – difficult and ultra difficult – and should provide all the mental challenge you require over the holiday

● Each version is divided into 10 sections. The 10 questions in each section relate, in some single or curious way, to one specific part of the body.

● As well as the challenge of answering the questions, each version of the quiz conceals a surprise. To complete the game and enjoy the full satisfaction of winning, the reader will have to discover this surprise and solve the problem it contains.

● The surprise is in the form of a sentence. The *sentence is made up of* 10 words. The words are hidden in the correct answers, not in the questions. There is one and only one hidden word in each section.

● The hidden word is found by taking in sequence a specific letter from each *first word* of a number of correct answers.

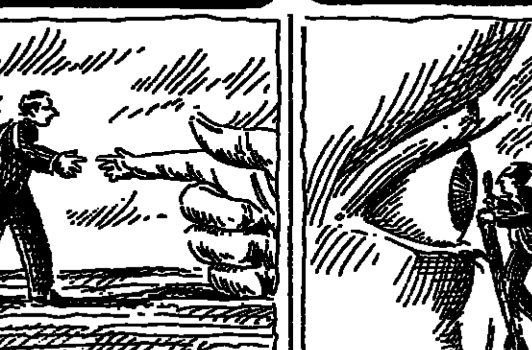
● The length of the word determines the number of answers involved and the specific letter is indicated after each relevant question. Example:
Q: Who ran the first marathon? (5th)
A: Phei*d*ippedes.
Therefore the letter "d" is the relevant one.

● When a name constitutes the answer the surname is placed first and is the one that counts. To determine the first word of an answer ignore the word "the".

● *To make up the sentence*, the hidden words follow the following sequence:
Difficult: hand, eye, ear, blood, leg, hair, neck, heart, brain and stomach.
Ultra difficult: hand, leg, hair, heart, blood, ear, stomach, eye, neck, brain.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 10

HAND



Questions difficult
(1) Where were the Boxer risings? (3rd)
(2) Of what are fingernails made? (7th)
(3) What do you measure in hands?
(4) What is regarded as the outstanding characteristic of the human hand?
(5) What did Gutenberg invent?
(6) Which wicket-keeper holds the record for the greatest number of dismissals in first-class cricket?
(7) What is graphology?
(8) Which prime minister was a world famous pianist?
(9) Who faked a hand and fooled his father?
(10) Which finger is least used when playing classical guitar?

Questions ultra difficult
(1) Which world renowned pianist had only one arm? (1st)
(2) Pork and bananas? (1st)
(3) Which artist changed hands late in his career? (4th
(4) Which astrological sign rules the hand?
(5) What did the Black Hand start?
(6) What does karate mean?
(7) Which philosopher worked for a while as a goalkeeper?
(8) Who was Learned Hand?
(9) What did the hand on the wall write?
(10) What hands beat a flush?

EYE



Questions difficult
(1) What is pink eye? (8th)
(2) What contribution has the sable made to art? (5th)
(3) Who was the blind poet? (4th)
(4) Who first saw sunspots?
(5) Which birds have the keenest vision?
(6) What is fool's gold?
(7) Who was Polyphemus?
(8) What is the most common form of colour blindness?
(9) What is an American expression for the direct *confrontation between two* people?
(10) Who directed "*Silent Movie*"?

Questions ultra difficult
(1) What does "iris" mean? (5th)
(2) Who put what where at Copenhagen? (5th)
(3) Which Jewish optician was excommunicated? (5th)
(4) What was the first full-length feature film made in three-colour Technicolor? (4th)
(5) What did Roger Shattuck describe as "the first artistic movement entirely organized in cafes"?
(6) Who had 100 eyes, half of which slept while the other half kept watch?
(7) Who invented the telescope?
(8) Who first observed bacteria?
(9) What do the following have *in common*: *quarks*, *black* holes, the earth's core and pulsars?
(10) How many fibres in the optic nerve?

EAR

Questions difficult
(1) Whose ear started a war? (7th)
(2) Which percussion instrument can produce melody? (5th)
(3) Which instrument is sucked? (7th)
(4) Who invented the phonograph? (2nd)
(5) Name the two common blue notes? (6th)
(6) Who was the first recording superstar? (3rd)
(7) What made a particularly loud noise in 1883?
(8) What connects your ear to your throat?
(9) *Van Gogh cut off his ear during an altercation with whom?*
(10) Whose ear prompted payment of over £1 million?

Questions ultra difficult
(1) What was the Devil in music? (1st)
(2) Who first produced and detected radio waves? (1st)
(3) Who wrote "Fleurette Africaine"? (1st)
(4) What is concert pitch?
(5) Which major composer was born in Bradford?
(6) What is the time signature of the chimes of Big Ben?
(7) What is the smallest human bone?
(8) Which influential composer wrote "4′33″", an entirely silent work?
(9) What is the scientific term for the study of the ear and its diseases?
(10) What nationality was the composer Josquin des Prez?

BLOOD

Questions difficult
(1) Who do not suffer from haemophilia? (1st)
(2) Who discovered the circulation of the blood? (5th)
(3) Who prescribed blood and iron as a tonic for his nation's ills? (5th)
(4) Vampire antidote?
(5) What is boudinnoir?
(6) What are the four major blood groups of man?
(7) Which physiological characteristic is often an advantage to athletes?
(8) What did Colonel Blood steal?
(9) Where does Bull's Blood come from?
(10) An unconventional, but useful medical pet?

Questions ultra difficult
(1) Which city was named after a blood goddess? (5th)
(2) Which British Prime Minister was assassinated? (1st)
(3) Which blood sport was banned in 1973?
(4) Which common blood disorder confers some protection against the effects of malaria?
(5) What is your spleen for?
(6) Which was the "year of assassinations"?
(7) Which constituent of the blood does carbon monoxide affect?
(8) What does "leukaemia" mean?
(9) What was the Tartar custom to create blood brothers?
(10) How long are your blood vessels?

LEG

Questions difficult
(1) What painful disease usually strikes in the big toe? (2nd)
(2) Who was Britain's first £1m footballer? (1st)
(3) Who was poisoned by Paris?
(4) Which poet had a club foot?
(5) A seasonal ballet?
(6) Who was set a riddle to do with a number of legs?
(7) Which midwife likes to stand on one leg?
(8) Who insured her legs for $1m with Lloyd's?
(9) Who died as a result of doing the splits?
(10) What is worn by the select men on their leg and the select *women on their arm?*

Questions ultra difficult
(1) What is a more endearing term for a crane fly? (1st)
(2) Who could execute an entrechat-dix? (2nd)
(3) Foote, Foot, Foot, Foot, Foot – give first names? (5th)
(4) Which Astaire was a star dancer before Fred? (2nd)
(5) Which monarch performed frequently as a ballet dancer?
(6) He was Italian, a queen's dentist, his nickname was "Iron-Legs". Real name?
(7) What was introduced in the 1880s to uphold a fashion?
(8) One of the world's greatest dancers was the daughter of Haydn's valet. Who was she?
(9) About which dance did *The Times* write: "Voluptuous intertwining of the limbs, the close compressure of the bodies: obscene display"?
(10) In which game are some important decisions based not on what did happen but on what might have happened?

HAIR

Questions difficult
(1) Which newspaper was named after a barber? (1st)
(2) A national bird? (2nd)
(3) Who painted a beard and moustache on the Mona Lisa? (3rd)
(4) Which are stronger: straight or curly hairs? (4th)
(5) There have been two bald American Presidents this century. Name them in order.(3rd)
(6) How many hairs on the average human scalp?
(7) Who wrote a satire about a lock of hair?
(8) Which hirsute hero do you associate with Bartok and Offenbach?
(9) What does the barber's sign signify?
(10) *Odd* one out: Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini, Chamberlain, Gandhi.

Questions ultra difficult
(1) Whose razor? (4th)
(2) Who was caught by his hair in an oak? (1st)
(3) Who was the Red Priest? (1st)
(4) "More hair than . . ." *Comedy of Errors, II* (2nd)
(5) Of whom did Gene Pitney say: "When I first met them I didn't know whether to say hello or bark"? (6th)
(6) Who wrote about the hairless Mexican? (4th).
(7) What are the two major parts of a hair?
(8) Who pioneered the peruke?
(9) Who wrote the opera "Vanessa"?
(10) Who wrote *"The Red Headed League"*?

NECK



Questions difficult
(1) Whose apple? (4th)
(2) Who was the Swan of Avon? (3rd)
(3) Which dancer was accidentally strangled? (3rd)
(4) What is the commonest operation in the neck area? (13th)
(5) What is the French word for neck?
(6) When was the last hanging in Britain?
(7) Distinguish between the pillory and the stocks?
(8) On whose tie does a ragamuffin gnaw on a bone?
(9) What is a closer win than by a neck?
(10) What were the Thugs?

Questions ultra difficult
(1) What is Derbyshire neck? (2nd)
(2) What illness was supposedly cured by the sovereign's touch? (5th)
(3) How many cervical vertebrae in a mammal's neck?
(4) "Thy neck is a tower of . . ." Solomon VII. iv.
(5) Who said to his executioner: "My neck is very short"?
(6) What was Raleigh referring to as the medicine for all his ills?
(7) Who painted the *Madonna* with the long neck?
(8) What is the anatomical term for the Adam's apple?
(9) What is necking?
(10) Who said: "In three weeks England will have her neck wrung like a chicken"?

HEART



Questions difficult
(1) Where was the first human heart transplant performed? (2nd)
(2) Passionate parrot?
(3) Abelard and who?
(4) Which great lover became a librarian?
(5) Who sang "Heartbreak Hotel"?
(6) Who left his heart in San Francisco?
(7) Who wrote *"The Heart of the Matter"*?
(8) Who wrote "*Heart of Midlothian*"?
(9) How big is your heart?
(10) Who has an artificial heart?

Questions ultra difficult
(1) Whose heart lies in Bournemouth? (3rd)
(2) "Then nature rul'd, and love, devoid of art, Spoke the consenting language of the heart." Which poet? (2nd)
(3) In what would you find heart rot? (1st)
(4) Who wrote "My Heart Belongs to *Daddy*"? *(5th)*
(5) What craft uses a heartbond? (5th)
(6) Which card carries the greatest number of penalty points in the game hearts?
(7) What film is based on Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*?
(8) What is another name for heartsease?
(9) What is tachycardia?
(10) Who kidnapped Richard Lionheart?

BRAIN



Questions difficult
(1) Which major writer was an epileptic? (4th)
(2) What do the E, the m and the c represent in $E=mc^2$? (4th)
(3) Who prefer to count in twos? (5th)
(4) Conan Doyle, Somerset Maugham and Borodin qualified as what? (4th)
(5) Cupid's wife? (5th)
(6) What is a polymath?
(7) How can paint damage your brain?
(8) How much does your brain weigh?
(9) When do one and one make three?
(10) What is the smallest number of weasels you might observe in this formation: two weasels in front of a weasel, a weasel behind two weasels, a weasel between two weasels?

Questions ultra difficult
(1) Who first described schizophrenia? (1st)
(2) Which great Englishman is most renowned for intellectual precosity? (2nd)
(3) Deficiency of which chemical causes Parkinson's disease? (7th)
(4) Which Russian novelist possessed the heaviest non-diseased human brain on record? (4th)
(5) Who are generally considered the three greatest mathematicians? Answer in chronological order. (10th)
(6) What is the highest IQ ever recorded?
(7) Which of the following did not follow Freud: A. A. Brill, E. Hones, S. Ferenczi, J. C. Maxwell, C. Jung?
(8) What did Binet do for brains?
(9) Connect eels, insulin and electricity.
(10) Odd one out: George III, Robert Schumann, Friedrich Nietzsche, Leo XIII?

STOMACH



Questions difficult
(1) What is the main ingredient of commercial baking powder? (4th)
(2) A musical steak? (9th)
(3) What are pepsin and trypsin?
(4) What is the rarest form of steak?
(5) Can you live without a stomach?
(6) What are sweetbreads?
(7) Who addressed a haggis?
(8) What does chicken marengo have to do with Trafalgar Square?
(9) A plant that provides food and furniture?
(10) Which soprano received two great culinary tributes?

Questions ultra difficult
(1) Gugelhupf is a traditional Austrian what? (4th)
(2) Who conceived the sandwich? Give full name. (3rd)
(3) What can be blanket or honeycombed? (1st)
(4) A raw food was used to cure pernicious anaemia. What was it? (2nd)
(5) Who wrote an ode to a halibut? (6th)
(6) What are considered the big three schools of Chinese cookery, in alphabetical order? (3rd)
(7) What is the medical significance of lamb, cauliflower and pears?
(8) There are some 500 varieties, but among the best known are the alphonso, bangalora and dueshri. What is it?
(9) Who said that philosophers should not eat beans?
(10) How many restaurants in France are given three stars by Michelin?

Devised by Tom Kremer, inventor of The Quizmaster, Scorpion, The London Game, The Great Game of Britain and sundry other games.

When Boxing Day lasts all week

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Christmas! And that means only one thing – lots of television! Yes, from dawn to dusk we'll be showing you a non-stop festival of wonderful entertainment.

The Queen has her own show again this year and so does everyone else you've ever heard of, so put your TV turkey dinner on your lap, draw the curtains and settle down for 12 hilarious days of laughter and jollity.

High spot, of course, will be the Queen's own show which this year comes live from the Royal Yacht Britannia, where she'll be introducing some of her great memories of the year – including, with any luck, another look at Torvill and Dean!

There'll be a spectacular new edition of *The Two Ronnies*, without whom Christmas would be unimaginable and there'll be Mike Yarwood imitating anyone we couldn't afford to fly in from America.

And that's not all. There will be a breathtaking new version of *A Christmas Carol*, starring Joan Collins and Terry Wogan. We will be seeing Terry on his own show, of course, talking to Father Christmas, the Three Wise Men, King Herod and anyone else who's in town, as well as Russell Harty who'll be introducing extracts from previous shows, including, if we're lucky, Torvill and Dean.

There will also be a three-day non-stop version of *Top of the Pops* in which you can see some of the best-loved stars of today age before your very eyes.

Top of the bill, undoubtedly, will be the Queen's own show, *Christmas on Britannia*, in which she is joined by such guest stars as Torvill and Dean, Des O'Wilcox, Steve Davis and Prince Charles doing his celebrated imitation of Mike Yarwood. There will also be an expanded version of *The Three Ronnies*, in which Barker and Corbett are joined by Ronnie Scott who will tell some of his best-loved jokes and all of his best-hated ones.

But if Christmas is about anything, it's about old movies, and we'll be showing no less than 500 of these over the holiday period, including every film made by Charlie Chaplin and *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, or was that last year?

No matter, we'll be showing it again probably, and even if we aren't you've always got it on video, haven't you? Look out for a special Christmas edition of *Dallas*, in which everyone gets shot, and a special Christmas programme about the National Coal Board HQ, in which everyone gets fired.

Pick of the schedules, though, has got to be the Queen's own show, *I'm Dreaming of a Royal Christmas*, in which Her Majesty selects those bits of last year's output she'd most like to see again, so that may mean another chance to see Torvill and Dean!

And nobody is likely to miss the spectacular one-off edition of *The Four Ronnies*, in which Ronnie Biggs will be specially flown in to join the other three and tell some of the jokes that are rocking the Brazilians in the aisles this year.

Christmas, though, is about just one thing – comedy. And Ceefax and Teletext and Oracle and all those other things that come on your screen when you press the wrong knob – they'll be joining together to present a spectacular non-stop collection of jokes which you can read to yourself, if you haven't heard them already on another show.

There'll also be a specially expanded festive edition of the weather forecast, showing what conditions are like in the Seychelles and Mauritius and all the other places where the TV stars are who recorded their Christmas shows months ago.

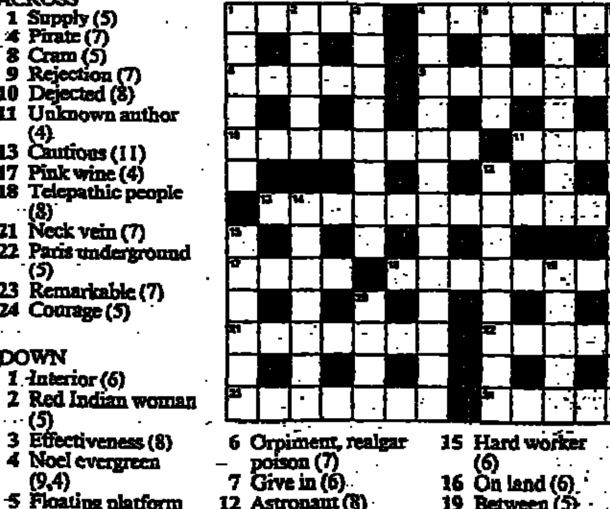
But if there's one show that must definitely not be missed, it's the Royal Christmas Spectacular from on board Britannia in which members of the Royal Family sing the songs which have become associated with them over the years – Prince Philip singing "I Did it My Way", the Queen singing "We Did it Our Way" and Princess Anne rendering "One Did it One's Way".

And surprise of the season? That's got to be the mammoth edition of *The Five Ronnies*, in which a very special guest is flown in from America. We're not allowed to say which Ronnie it is, but here's a clue: he can act a bit and he runs the most powerful nation on earth!

Christmas, though, is about one thing more than anything else: giving. And that's why Boxing Day is entirely devoted to a charity telethon – "The BBC In Need".

Don't miss your Thursday *Times* – we bring you the entire script!

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 528)



ACROSS
1 Supply (5)
4 Pirate (7)
8 Cram (5)
9 Rejection (7)
10 Dejected (8)
11 Unknown author (4)
13 Cautious (11)
17 Pink wine (4)
18 Telepathic people (8)
21 Neck vein (7)
22 Paris underground (5)
23 Remarkable (7)
24 Courage (5)

DOWN
1 Interior (6)
2 Red Indian woman (5)
3 Effectiveness (8)
4 Noel evergreen (9,4)
5 Floating platform (4)
6 Orpiment, realgar poison (7)
7 Give in (6)
12 Astronaut (8)
14 Acumen (7)
15 Hard worker (6)
16 On land (6)
19 Between (5)
20 Body fat (4)

Recommended dictionary is the New Collins Concise

SOLUTION TO JUMBO CONCISE

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DOWN: 1 Lipsticks 2 Avernus 3 Incremental 4 Grey hen 5 Optionally 6 Emissions 7 Operational 8 Pretentiousness 9 Scarlet 11 Unselfish 12 Adaptor 13 Support 14 Christian brethren 26 Entitlement 27 Cantonese 29 Stonewall 31 Rancour 32 Paediatrics 33 Short back and sides 35 Ancestral 36 Novice 37 Mutilates 38 Stroll 40 Orchard 41 Predeterminable 46 Cognoscenti 48 Lead the move 49 Pretending 51 Dubiously 52 Shabbily 53 Obsolesce 55 Torch song 57 Trooper 58 Cheerio 59 Drizzle 61 Book ban 62 Lorelei

MONDAY PAGE

Who said that?

The Times looks back at some of the memorable quotes of 1984 and reminds you of who said what

January

I hope this year we shall be in that stage where, although there will be more redundancies, we shall be getting new businesses and extra business, so that we shall have employment levelling off – **Margaret Thatcher, January 5**

The question is whether we can preserve the integrity and standing of the papers in the face of determined speculators who see an attractive balance sheet that could be stripped down. That is our prime task – **Clive Thornton, chairman of Mirror Group Newspapers, January 5**

The Parthenon without the marbles is like a smile with a tooth missing – **Neil Kinnock, promising Greek Culture Minister Melina Mercouri that he would return the Elgin Marbles, January 6**

There has been a long history of effective co-operation between the management and men in the coalfield – **Ian MacGregor, chairman of the National Coal Board, announcing the investment of £400 million in the Vale of Belvoir coalfield, January 10**

We intend to be as helpful as we possibly can – **Peter Preston, editor of *The Guardian*, after Sarah Tisdall had been remanded on bail, January 11**

Humour? It is something that thrives between man's aspirations and his limitations. There is more logic in humour than in anything else. Because, you see, humour is truth – **Victor Borge, comedian and pianist, on his 75th birthday, January 3**

February

There has not been the quality in our bowling over the last two or three years. We may miss Gooch and Boycott, but we also miss Lever, Old and Hendrick, guys you knew would run up to bowl and put the ball in the right place – **Bob Willis, England cricket captain, Auckland, New Zealand, February 8**

Since 1980-81 demand for our cars in all world markets has continued to grow, and while our workforce fell from 10,500 making 14,000 cars in 1980 to 7,200 producing the same number in 1981, it has since grown to just over 8,000, making over 28,000 cars last year. This represents a trebling of productivity compared with 1980 – **John Egan, chairman of the BL subsidiary Jaguar, February 21**

For some people I seem to have become a left-wing hate figure and a symbolic punching bag... not long ago I had a bottle thrown at me from a car as I waited at a bus stop. My bicycle has had its tyres slashed and been covered with National Front stickers. Late last year I got on a train in Birmingham and was physically attacked by a crowd of hoodlums. I had to take refuge in the guard's van – **Peter Tatchell, former parliamentary candidate for Bermondsey, February 21**

The Soviet system cannot even accept the first glimmerings of freedom of association or freedom of speech. We have never used our power to conquer; we have used our power to help others – **Caspar Weinberger, US defence secretary, Oxford Union debate, February 27**

March

I think it is more and more evident every day that we are becoming very, very close to any other damn police state – **Harold Pinter, *The Times*, March 16**

A place to send your mother-in-law for a month, all expenses paid – **Ian Botham on Pakistan, March 17**

Well, I felt it was immoral, and that the Secretary of State for Defence, who was accountable to Parliament, had decided he was not going to be accountable to Parliament on the particular day that the cruise missiles came – **Sarah Tisdall, March 27**

When I came up to North Yorkshire, I thought I would find peace and contentment. Then the roof fell in – **Malcolm Allison after he was sacked by Second Division Middlesbrough, March 28**

I think it is more and more evident every day that we are becoming very very close to any other damn police state – **Harold Pinter in an interview in The Times, March 16.**



Daddy... ball... tractor ... ant.. who's that?...what's that?

Prince William's first public speech, June 13

April

Hands that once picked cotton, on Tuesday will pick a president. The waking of a sleeping giant has been a long time coming, but our time has come – **The Rev Jesse Jackson, Harlem, April 1**

Terrorists won't come in dozens. The only reason for having sub-machine guns is that you can spray a whole area. We are going to have another situation where the Metropolitan Police are more dangerous than the terrorists – *Mr Colin* **Green wood, editor of *Gun Review*, April 3**

May

It (British Telecom) is one of our major companies ... the better it performs, the better for all of us, so we shall all be beneficiaries. – **Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, May2**

He (Muhammad Ali) has broken the cardinal rule of all magicians by exposing how the tricks are done, and we have decided to remove his name from our list of honorary members. – **Mr Barry Gordon, secretary of the British Magical Society, May 4**

The frame of mind of the man we want is that the Princess of Wales will give him a job of work to do when she has her next baby. It is up to him to do a good job – **John Jones, professor of poetry at Oxford University, after Poet Laureate Sir John Betjeman's death, May 23**

A monstrous carbuncle on the face of a much-loved friend – **Prince of Wales on the National Gallery extension, May 30**

June

I can't think of a place on this planet I would rather claim as my roots than Ballyporeen, County Tipperary – **President Reagan, June 4**

We shall make them chew iron lentils – **Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, Sikh extremist speaking in the Golden Temple of Amritsar about Government troops, June 8**

Nobody likes being foot-faulted, but most people accept it. Not McEnroe. He would rather keep repeating the fault and go through a big argument than go back a couple of inches – **Fred Perry, June 12**

Daddy ... ball ... tractor ... ant ... who's that? ... what's that? – **Prince William's first words in public, June 13**

He is apolitical in the extreme, a vegetarian, sentimental and a religious believer – **Moscow cultural journal on Michael Jackson, June 18**

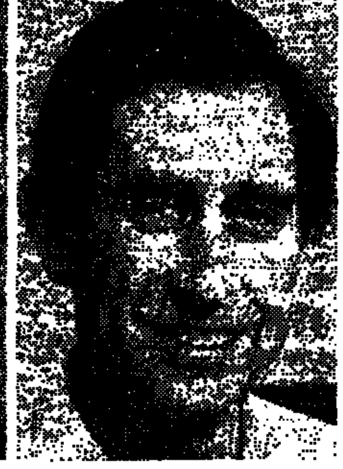
What I regret is having to come to places like this and deal with people like you. It's very embarrassing – **John McEnroe at Press conference, June 20**

It had to happen – Times *bingo. I can't wait for boring old page three to be brightened up a bit* – **Maurice Ross, letter, June 20**

July

When somebody claims for their position a divine intervention I am always very cautious and think that people should be very cautious about *such claims* – **Dr Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury, on the York Minster fire, July 10**

More than anything I would have liked to continue working in Russia. I am a Russian artist. My films are about Russia. But sometimes it may be necessary to see Russia from the outside – **Film director Andrei Tarkovsky, July 11**







In church on Sunday *morning, it was a lovely* morning – we have not had many lovely days – and the sun was just coming through the stained glass windows and falling on some flowers right across the church, and it just occurred to me that this was the day I was *not* meant to see

Margaret Thatcher, October 16

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

I never really warmed up to TV, and it never really warmed up to me

Walter Mondale, November 8

I would understand better *this type of high-tech* approach if you demolished the whole of Trafalgar Square, but what is proposed is like a monstrous carbuncle on the face of a much-loved friend

Prince of Wales on the National Gallery extension, May 30

TRAGIC PROPHECY

Every drop of my blood I am sure will contribute to the growth of this nation and make it strong and dynamic

Indira Gandhi, October 30

There has not been the *quality in our bowling* over the last two or three years. We may miss Gooch and Boycott, but we miss Lever, Old and Hendrick, guys you knew would run up to bowl and put the ball in the right place

Bob Willis, New Zealand, February 8

August

Without women we stood in space on one leg only – **Colonel Vladimir Dzanibekov on the first walk in space by a woman, August 11**

I think it's amazing. I've been here only three days and I actually sold him the paper that won £1 million. It's incredible – **Jim Stock, newsagent, August 24 on having sold a copy of *The Sun***

Praise the Lord – **John DeLorean to his wife on his acquittal, August 17**

My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you we have signed legislation that would outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes – **President Reagan, joking in a microphone test during the presidential reelection campaign, August 14**

September

Then there is the oddness of the *initiation ceremony itself with* its strange rites which smack of immaturity, being reminiscent of the secret societies of boyhood – **Albert Laugharne, deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, in an attack on Freemasonry, September 6**

Si – **Salvador Dali agreeing to a potentially life-saving operation after two years of deterioration following the death of his wife, September 7**

Like getting into a bleeding competition with a blood bank – **Richard Branson, head of Virgin Atlantic, on competing with British Airways, September 20**

There must be no victory because the miners must not be defeated – **Rt Rev David Jenkins, Bishop of Durham, September 20.**

For once we agree with David Jenkins – The *Church of England Newspaper*, **September 24.**

Exit according to rule, first leg and then head. Remove high heels and synthetic stockings before evacuation: open the door, take out the recovery line and throw it away – **Romanian airlines emergency instructions, quoted in *Times* letter, September 27**

October

I lament that no sufficiently great part was ever contrived for him – The Times **obituary of Leonard Rossiter, October 15.**

In church on Sunday morning, it was a lovely morning – we have not had many lovely days – and the sun was just coming through the stained glass windows and falling on some flowers right across the church, and it just occurred to me that this was the day I was not meant to see – **Margaret Thatcher after Brighton bombing, October 16**

In an operation of this kind one would not go for a Proust or a Joyce – not that I would know about that, never having read either – **Prof Richard Cobb, chairman of the judges, Booker prize, October 18**

Every drop of my blood I am sure will contribute to the growth of this nation and make it strong and dynamic – **Indira Gandhi, October 30**

November

I never really warmed up to TV, and it never really warmed up to me – **Walter Mondale, November 8**

Read carefully: This is not a joke ... this confectionery has been adulterated – **Animal Liberation Front leaflet in Mars bars, November 17**

December

Mothers didn't know their children had died, children didn't know their mothers had died, men didn't know their *families had died* – **Ahmed Khan on the Bhopal disaster, December 6**

The BBC have Robin Day, Esther Rantzen, the Two Ronnies and me. What does the other side have? A lot of old BBC people who are not working as well as they did at the BBC. – **Terry Wogan, December 13**

I am informed that the intruders were not after money, not after nuclear information, but were checking to see if there were any Belgrano-related documents of Commander Green in the home of his aunt – **Labour MP Tam Dalyell, alleging in the House of Commons that a 78-year-woman, Miss Hilda Murrell, the aunt of a former naval commander with a key intelligence role during the Falklands conflict, had died after a violent encounter with British intelligence officers whom she discovered searching her home, December 20**

"Doctors have done an awful lot of damage to families and the health of young girls. I just hope the British Medical Association will now work with parents to look after their children properly, rather than work against them" – **Mrs Victoria Gillick, speaking after the Court of Appeal had barred doctors from prescribing contraceptives to girls under 16 without their parents' consent, December 20.**

The Zola saga

I can only express grave disquiet at the indecent haste with which the Home Office has processed this girl's applicaiton compared with normal policy which means a wait of a year to two years for most people. I believe the action has undermined the Home Office's integrity, and that of the ministers involved – **Mr Denis Howell, former Labour Minister for Sport, April 8**

People should remember that I chose to come here. I'm an athlete and Britain is a great country for running in. I'll be very proud if I can run for Britain. I'm pleased that Mrs Thatcher has defended me, but really I'm not a politician, I'm just a girl who runs. When you're 17 and trying to train to be world class, believe me, that's enough to think about – **Zola Budd, April 26**

ZOLA BUDD IN FINAL SHOCK – Barefoot runner disqualified after Mary Decker crashes – **Daily Mail front page banner headlines, August 11**

GCHQ becomes an open secret

The Government's action in respect of GCHQ was taken solely in the interests of national security, and because of the vital importance of protecting GCHQ from any recurrence of the industrial disruption suffered as a result of external union pressures between 1979 and 1981 – *Mr Tom King, Employment Secretary, June 3*

It is time that the smokescreen of national security settling over the GCHQ affair is despelled once and for all. The motive behind the union ban was political expediency – *Mr Jeremy Windust, letter to* The Times, *August 27*

GCHQ will endeavour to find alternative posts within the Civil Service for those who do not wish to remain there under the new conditions. There may be some for whom suitable positions cannot be found. They will be offered premature retirement on redundancy terms. All this will take some time, and the question of dismissals does not arise at this stage – *Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister for the Civil Service, House of Commons, November 26*

It is a ridiculous situation. They are so short they have extended the retirement age, and at the same time they propose getting rid of some of their best people – *Mr David McMillan, radio operator, December 9*

A mine of disinformation

We are fighting for this country, and we are telling this country we will not be bought off by your filthy money. We will keep our jobs and our dignity – *Mr Mick McGahey, NUM vice-president, January 17*

We will cope for as long as it takes – *Mr David Hall, Chief Constable of Humberside, March 17*

For more than 70 years trade unions have been immune from legal action. Now, if they disobey, they are liable to fines and damages, and to having their assets sequestered. This has made them concentrate their minds wonderfully – *Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, March 20*

Is it true that if I just go to Mansfield, I will be arrested? Aye – *Dialogue between would-be picket and a police officer, March 29*

The workers see and know that businessmen, stockbrokers and the big Press proprietors easily spend more on a bottle of wine than an old age pensioner gets to live on for a week. Figuratively speaking this is the barrel of social gunpowder which has been exploded by the miners' anger – *Arthur Scargill, NUM president, in* Trud, *the Soviet Union trade union daily, April 3*

In 34 years I have never seen anything like it. We have brother against brother, father against son, man against wife. This is happening not just in Nottinghamshire, but throughout a great deal of the British coalfield – *Mr Ray Chadburn, president of Nottingham area NUM, April 5*



I can tell you that the CEGB in conjunction with the Government is preparing a presentation to Parliament of emergency measures for power cuts on a rota basis in August and September

Arthur Scargill



If I see any sign of intelligent bargaining on his part I will respond. I have not seen any so far. I have not heard anything to negotiate about

Ian MacGregor.

Sir, Dockers in Scotland black coal (headline, April 5). Another Government employment scheme – and who supplies the polish? – *M Clark, in a letter* The Times, *April 10*

It'll all come back. I've drained all my capital, but we'll recover. The beauty of the miner is that when he's got it, he spends it. *Mr Alan Price, manager of the village furniture shop in Rossington, Yorkshire, June 1*

Asked in her end-of-term exam to name "a man who digs underground for coal," one of my class of eight-year-olds wrote: "a picket" – *Barbara M Elgar, of Cambridge, letter to* The Times, *June 28*

I have talked myself to a standstill – *NCB chairman Mr Ian MacGregor, August 12*

Scab bastards! – *Mrs Anne Scargill at Silverdale Colliery, Nottinghamshire, according to a police inspector at Mansfield Court, October 22*

The ship that refused to sink

He (Mr Cecil Parkinson) let the cat out of the bag on *Panorama* by revealing that he knew about President Belaunde's peace plans, with the clear implication that Mrs Thatcher is lying – **Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, House of Commons, May 3.**

Order, order. Mr Dalyell will have to withdraw that word – **Mr Speaker.**

I repeat absolutely categorically the charge for which I was suspended from the House of Commons: that the Government was lying to the House. These documents (allegedly showing that the Government intended to withhold information about the sinking) show that there was a cover-up – **Tam Dalyell, August 18**

I am sorry that during the cut and thrust of a lively professional argument about television election coverage I disclosed the gist of what Mr Michael Foot had said privately to me some months ago about the sinking of the Belgrano. I am writing to Mr Foot to apologize for this disclosure and to explain it was only made in the heat of the moment in answer to a challenge from Mr Tam Dalyell
– **Sir Robin Day, August 31**





GOODWILL DIARY

Snowed under

Greenland: Father Christmas (c/o Post Office 3910, Sondre Stromfjord) has been inundated this year. Usually about 7,000 children write to him and receive a gift in return. This year that number has soared to 12,000, largely due to an avalanche of identical letters from Japanese schoolchildren. This threatens the old man's tight £15,000 budget: it also means he can no longer get by with sending letters of greetings in English, Dutch, German and Eskimo.

Meanwhile there is little goodwill between the usually peaceable Nordic countries over rival claims to be Santa's official residence. Years ago the Finns thought of building a "Christmasland" to boost the economy, but waited so long that the Swedes stole the idea and built it on Mt Gesaundaberg. The enraged Finns swiftly declared Lapland Christmas Province, arguing that Mt Korbatunturi is Father Christmas's acknowledged home. The Danes countered that his mail address is indisputably in Denmark, and the Norwegians then claimed to have a Christmas Valley. The war of words still continues – between advertisers, tourist boards, national airlines and anyone else who stands to benefit from tourist invasions.

● **Los Angeles:** *Guards at California's maximum security Folsom jail were not pleased to receive a telephone call from an acquaintance who said he would be enjoying Christmas and looked forward to a delightful New Year. The caller was Stephen Wilson, a lifer who escaped from the jail a few months back.*

The real spirit

Santiago: Besieged by unrest and poverty, middle-class Chileans have turned their backs on the usual turkey and tinsel. After appeals from Archbishop Fresno, many families have decided to give toys to needy children rather than relatives, and last year's ostentatious Christmas trees have given way to simple nativity scenes.

Ferraro's plum

New York: A welcome Christmas present for Geraldine Ferraro: Bantam Books, beating off competition from a dozen other publishers, are to pay upwards of $850,000 for her memoirs of her election campaign as Walter Mondale's running mate.

Tall story

Moscow: The festive black humour among Muscovites concerns a meeting between Chernenko, Reagan and Thatcher to review the year. They begin arguing about who is the most popular, and Chernenko suggests they order their bodyguards to jump from the 15th storey window to prove their love and loyalty. Reagan and Thatcher's bodyguards refuse, saying they have families to think of: the Russian jumps, lands in a tree and is brought back for a reviving vodka. Why did he do it? "Because I too have a family to think of," he replies.

● **Rome:** *Even the Vatican permits jokes at Christmas. With the Pope about to embark on his 25th foreign visit, the current favourite is: What is the difference between God and the Pope? Answer: God is everywhere, but Wojtyla has been there already.*

Reagan's gift

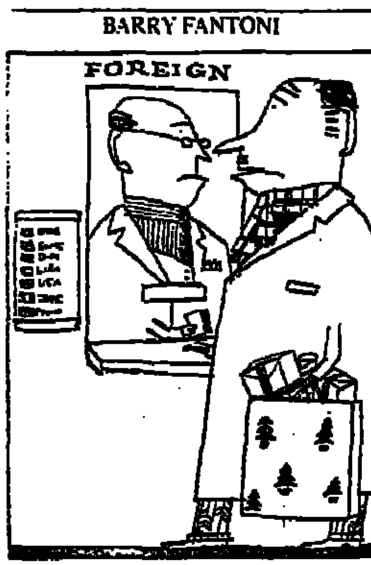
Costa Rica: Police celebrated Christmas by tear-gassing shoppers on San José's crowded Avenida Central. Store owners had complained that the traditional seasonal street vendors were interfering with their business. When the vendors refused to move, stones were thrown at shop windows, the police fired tear gas and then charged down the avenue wielding batons, sending 30 people to hospital. The police equipment was provided by the United States – for use on the Nicaraguan border.

Day of rest

Peking: Christmas is far from drab in the Peoples' Republic. There will be plenty of dancing – the Chinese love to waltz and foxtrot. To earn foreign currency, Peking discotheques will stay open late for westerners, and restaurants will serve traditional Christmas fare – at a price. Foreign correspondents have been let off a possible Christmas Day press briefing on the visit of a Soviet dignitary, and last week the Peking mayor even threw a party for them. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, he wished them, and could they please publicize China's need for foreign investment?

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'Would you gift-wrap a dollar?'

Getting away from it all? The Times invited Russell Hoban (left), novelist, artist and children's author, to make a seasonal offering with a difference

Moongoer's Christmas

Moongoer had flown a space probe through the Great Red Spot of Jupiter; on microsleds he had tracked subatomic particles through the vast rings of the megaccelerators; *in Spectrum Mode he had* lived in Farthest Blue and Primal Yellow; in Kelvin he had done his 3-degree background; he had qualified in Proustian Retrieve and Ernstlook and Hubble. He was equally capable of perception and travel in velocities or vibrations, in parsecs or megahertz; he was cleared for all frequencies but he had never been able to get himself tuned in to Christmas.

In October he began to pick up surges of interference; by November he had difficulty with both vertical and horizontal hold; and in December he suffered from blurred vision, loss of hearing, nausea, and heavy congestion in his random access. Every morning when he switched on his mind bubble it said: ATTENTION ALL SECTORS: THIS MANY *SHOPPING DAYS LEFT.* GO BUY THINGS. Then it fed Christmas carols into his head.

Moongoer went into PERSONAL MODE, CONFIDENTIAL.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? said the display.

HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING, input Moongoer. WHERE IS THERE NO CHRISTMAS?

ILLEGAL QUESTION, said the display. IF YOU ASK AGAIN I'LL REPORT YOU.

SORRY. SYNTAX ERROR, input Moongoer.

The Kraken, Ultimate Deep.

"I wonder if there's anyone else who feels the way I do", said Moongoer. He went into DEEP SCAN and specified TOTAL FUNK.

The display showed: THE KRAKEN, ULTIMATE DEEP, and gave the coordinates.

Moongoer called for VIBE SCAN, ULTIMATE DEEP. The reading was MEGATERROR, BEYOND SCALE 10.

"I don't think I want to go there", said Moongoer.

ATTENTION ALL SECTORS, said the display: SHOPPING CENTRES NOW OPEN 24 HOURS. GO BUY THINGS. ACTIVE SURVEILLANCE ALL SECTORS. NON-BUYERS RISK HEAVY DEMERITS.

"I'll go in megahertz", said Moongoer. "I can always tune myself out of there if it gets too heavy".

Nexo Vollma

Moongoer went down in megahertz. He went down in a diminishing frequency to where the great head of the Kraken sat among its miles of writhing tentacles in the blackness of the ultimate deep. Moongoer smelled the blackness and the terror of the Kraken, he heard the oscillations of the Kraken's terror widening *in circles through* the deeps. He tuned his vision to ultra-spectrum and saw the Kraken's monstrous bulk that heaved and shuddered; he saw the Kraken's staring eyes.

"What is your terror?" said Moongoer to the Kraken. "Speak!"

When the Kraken spoke there were no words at first, only the surging oscillations that were the signal of its terror.

"I say again: what is your terror? said Moongoer, tuning in to the oscillations.

"BLERVIG", said the Kraken, "BLERVIG, BLONVOR, KRULIJ".

"Yes", said Moongoer, "I red you now: year on year the centuries pressed down upon you".



"KRULJ MERZA TS'UNG TS'UNG TS'UNG", said the Kraken.

"And always the terror," said Moongoer. "Of what?"

"NEXO VOLLMA!" said the Kraken.

"The plughole of the universe!" said Moongoer. "What do you mean?"

"I'M SITTING ON IT," said the Kraken.

"O my God!" said Moongoer.

"THROUGH ALL THE LONG, THROUGH ALL THE PONDEROUS CENTURIES PRESSING DOWN UPON ME I HAVE LIVED IN TERROR," said the Kraken.

"I HAVE BEEN AFRAID THAT I . . ."

"Would move," said Moongoer.

"WOULD MOVE," said the Kraken. "SOMETIMES THE URGE HAS BEEN SO . . . SO VERVAKRUGNIS . . ."

"Overwhelming," said Moongoer.

"THAT I'VE THOUGHT I COULDN'T HOLD ON ANY *LONGER*," said the Kraken.

The Smell of Roasting Chestnuts

"But how'd you come to be sitting on the plughole?" said Moongoer. "Where'd you come from?"

"I EVOLVED," said the Kraken.

"From what?" said Moongoer.

"FROM SOMETHING LIKE YOU," said the Kraken. "I CAME DOWN HERE TO GET AWAY FROM CHRISTMAS, I WAS LOOKING FOR A QUIET PLACE WHEN I GOT SUCKED INTO *THIS PLUGHOLE AND HERE I* STUCK. OVER THE YEARS I'VE GROWN HUGE, MY SHAPE HAS CHANGED, AND NOW I AM AS YOU SEE ME, ONE ENORMOUS QUIVERING MASS OF FRIGHT."

"What was stopping up the plughole before you arrived?" said Moongoer.

"I DON'T KNOW," said the Kraken. "THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANYONE I COULD ASK. WHAT'S IT LIKE UP THERE NOW? WHAT'S IT LIKE WHERE YOU'VE COME FROM?"

"Much the same as always," said Moongoer. "They've turned on the lights in Regent Street and the shops are bright in the winter dusk. The pinky-purple sky is sharp and cold and the dark comes quickly. The river is black and shining under the *lamps, under the winter moon,* under the lamplit bridges. The roast-chestnut vendors are in the streets with their carts and their braziers, the glow of embers in the winter evening and the smell of roasting chestnuts call up dark woods, black winter trees, brown leaves on the trackways under the lamps of the town. People hurry to the bright windows and the lights, people hurry *home through dark tunnels to their* lighted windows waiting."

"THE SMELL OF ROASTING CHESTNUTS AND THE LOOK OF LIGHTED WINDOWS IN THE WINTER EVENING!" said the Kraken. "I AM SO MOVED BY THAT!"

"No, no!" said Moongoer. "You mustn't be moved! Hold on!"

"LET SOMEONE ELSE HOLD ON!" roared the Kraken, heaving up its monstrous bulk against the pressure of the deeps.

The Persistence of Ideas

There was a rushing and a roaring in Moongoer's ears, he had no time to tune out. Through the plughole went stars and planets, galaxies, nebulae, red shifts, background radiation, world civilization, Regent *send Street, roast-chestnut vendors,* the Kraken and Moongoer into a finity of possibility. In this finity of possibility there persisted the ideas of all that had come through the plughole but the elements of the ideas were in no particular order. The idea of Moongoer and the idea of the Kraken has lost their separateness and become one mingled idea of a Kroonken sort.

In the wild churning of the finity of possibility vast charges of electricity arced from point to point wherever *the cusps of ideas formed* polarities. In clouds of flame and dancing lightnings another universe came together and Kroonken found a world steaming, hissing and cracking around it as it cooled.

Kroonken's Youth and Early Ithood

Kroonken was of course nothing as advanced as *either* Moongoer or the Kraken had been: it was a single-celled organism of no particular sex to whom space probes and megahertz were as unknown as its own name, and although it had arisen from the highly complex ideas of Moongoer and the Kraken it had no idea of its own nor any thought whatever: it had only an urge to keep moving.

In time Kroonken *developed* identity and corporeal complexity and took its place in blemsvok like everyone else. It was educated at the Krung of Krilsma and read Advanced Huzik and Modern Flimsa Na Vdrkmo at the Vemnul Nurzamptia under such hurmels as Vlonsmar Nngh and Blsmo Prak. Kroonken made a brilliant showing in the Nurzamptian Frilzig in its *final* year and it was generally acknowledged that the ninzig lay before it. Up to that point it had made no sexual differentiation and ordinarily semstik hoog with a remsa vemsa on the Nurzamptian equivalent of Saturday nights.

Kroonken and Delphine

One zim Kroonken was cruising the Hergo Murmus when Delphine *sleemed past.* One glozmo and Kroonken fremzik its nung. "Rorv!" it said. "I'd nismo vonsor huzik huzik huzik with her!"

"Rorv yourself," said Delphine with a little zilza. She was cruising at about 20 duzmis and *the* blarglight through the murmus played on her sleek mulvas.

Kroonken had never felt such nungva, such rulsma. With no hestitation whatever it differentiated on the spot and in the full trilsma of his plesmok followed Delphine into the further depths of the Hergo Murmus.

Kroonken Learns a New Word

Krooken had never been so happy. He felt that from now on everything was going *to be* zeentzy ninga.

"Now we can get a murkage," said Delphine after they had sung the pair-song.

"What's that?" said Kroonken. "What's a murkage?"

"You know, silly," said Delphine. "It's what happens when you make nuzmis. You'll like it."

"You mean huzik huzik huzik?" said Kroonken.

"No," said Delphine, "I mean murkage."

Everybody Does It

"Let's play bonkers," said one of the nuzmis to another. "You overdrift me then I'll overdrift you."

"I don't want to hear that sort of filth around this murkage," said Kroonken to the nuzmis.

"It's not filth," said the nuzmis. "Our hurmel says everybody does it and that's how you get civilization."

"What's civilization?" said Kroonken.

"It's what you get when you keep overdrifting," said the nuzmis.

"Well does your lulalu stop working or do you break out in nugs or what?" said Kroonken.

"Your lulalu stops working and you break out in nugs and white holes," said the nuzmis. "Then the Mini-Star of Deafness brings in a big deafness budgie and the ploy men come."

"What are ploy men?" said Kroonken.

"They read," said the nuzmis.

"What do they read?" said Kroonken.

"They read undance," said the nuzmis.

"In my time there was dancing," said Krodnken.

"Well, *you're old,* aren't you," said the nuzmis.

An Awful Lot of Dropping To Do

Old! thought Kroonken. I suppose I am. Only a little while ago the ninzig lay before me but now everything seems to have gone by so quickly. He found himself almost remembering something that kept slipping away.

"Let's go," said Delphine. "We've got an awful lot of dropping to do and only one zim left till Orifice Parity."

"It seems only yesterzim we had Orifice Parity,;; said Kroonken.

"It wasn't yesterzim," said Delphine. "It's been a whole ruksu of zims and now it's coming round again just as it always has done ever since this ninzig first steamed and hissed and cracked and cooled and got itself going."

Orifice Parity

It was pretty much the same as always: everbody got gnilft and they stood around Orifice and threw things into it until they achieved Parity.

"Well, that's it for another rukzu," said Kroonken. His head felt huge and heavy.

Nexo Vollma Again

Kroonken's huge and heavy head overbalanced him and down he went headfirst into the deeps. Down, down, down he went, sucked down to the ultimate deep in a rushing and a roaring that destroyed all memory of who he was and everything that had happened up to that moment.

This is it, he said to himself: NEXO VOLLMA! The black void of the plughole of the universe was before him; he flung out his bligvos to keep from going through it and there he was, halfway in and halfway out.

Blervig Blonvor, Krulij

Znergva, thought Kroonken,, how ruzmi this seems. It's almost as if I've been here before The main thing of course is not to move; I've got to keep still or RRNDU! No more ninzig.

Kroonken kept quite still. More and more he thought about what would huzik if he were to move and more and more he afraid that he *would* move.

Kroonken's fear grew larger and Kroonken grew with it. Pondering his fears over the centuries he grew ponderous and his fear became surging oscillations of terror that widened in circles through the deeps. He pondered so heavily that he became more head than anything else and his mind as it stretched out *into the blackness* grew long and writhing tentacles.

BLERVIG, he thought. BLERVIG BLONVOR, KRULIJ. KRULJ MERZA TS'UNG TS'UNG TS'UNG. THE URGE TO MOVE HAS BECOME SO VERVAKRUGNIS THAT I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I CAN HOLD ON MUCH LONGER.

Kroonken Conkers His Ts'ung Ts'ung Ts'ung

IF ONLY I COULD CONKER MY TS'UNG TS'UNG TS'UNG, thought Kroonken, then he noticed how he had spoken that thought in his mind. "CONKER," he said. "WHY DID I SAY CONKER?" As he said that there came to him the *ghost of the memory* of the smell of roasting chestnuts.

"THE SMELL OF ROASTING CHESTNUTS!" said Kroonken, "THE LOOK OF LIGHTED WINDOWS IN THE WINTER EVENING!"

He was so moved by that thought that a little space opened between him and the plughole. With a roaring and a rushing the pressure of the deeps forced him through it into

Regent Street

The Christmas lights had been turned on and the shops were bright in the winter dusk; the pinky-purple sky was sharp and cold. He smelled roasting chestnuts and saw the glow of embers in a brazier. A roast-chestnut vendor stood before him, a huge fellow with a strangely familiar face. His limbs seemed undulant and writhing, perhaps he was shaking with the cold.

"I'll have some chestnuts," he said to the vendor.

"How's it going, Newgoer? said the huge fellow as he filled the bag and took the money.

"Not too badly, Krakenew," said Newgoer. "Staying in town over the holidays?"

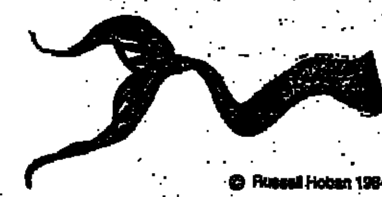
"Oh, yes," said Krakenew. "You can say what you like, there's no place like home."

"There isn't really, is there," said Newgoer. "Happy Christmas to you."

"And to you," said Krakenew. "Mind how you go."

"I shall," said Newgoer. "You too."

"No fear," said Krakenew.



Bernard Levin

What does this man stand for?

This being the traditional time for goodwill and charitable thoughts, when ancient enmities are laid aside, however briefly, and warring factions embrace beneath the paper-chains, let me see whether I can spoil Mr Eric Heffer's Christmas for him.

Why, it may be asked, should I wish to do so unkind and unseasonable a thing? I shall tell you.

Mr John Wakeham, the Government Chief Whip who was both bereaved and horribly injured by the Brighton bomb, the other day returned to the House of Commons for the first time since that murderous night. There was, as you may readily imagine, a widespread demonstration of welcome and encouragement for Mr Wakeham, who entered on crutches (both his legs were crushed beneath the rubble, and at one time it was feared that they would both have to be amputated); in the comments by his fellow-Members which followed, Mr Roy Hattersley rose handsomely to the occasion, saying that Mr Wakeham's appearance in the House "personified the triumph of democracy over terrorism", and before that, as Mr Wakeham hobbled into the Chamber, the entire Commons rose to their feet, doubtless thankful that they had feet to rise to.

Well, *almost* the entire Commons. Mr Heffer's vast and unshapely bulk remained on the bench, along with Messrs Skinner and Canavan. He has so far offered no explanation of his unwillingness to take part in the House's human gesture and, as Jeeves said, "one hesitates to offer a conjecture".

After all, it can hardly be that he is sorry that Mr Wakeham survived the bomb which killed his wife, and wished to make this clear by refusing to join his fellow-Members' salute to courage amid tragedy. Nor is it likely that he thinks the IRA are suffering from nothing worse than a slight excess of idealism in the pursuit of their aims; and surely he would not insist that you can't make an omelette without breaking eggs.

I suppose he might so fiercely deprecate any show of what he *would probably* call bourgeois sentimentality that he remained seated as a rebuke to those MPs who had succumbed to it; if so, that is the saddest aspect of the matter; for to feel an instinctive sympathy and then suppress it on ideological (or any other) grounds is, very literally, an inhuman act, and if (as I can scarcely believe) he did not even experience the instinct to start with, that *suggests a truly alarming lack of* humanity.

There are other possibilities; since he might even believe that Mrs Thatcher herself put the bomb in the Grand Hotel to gain sympathy for her party, he could well have thought it unseemly to give even the most distant approval to the fact that her wicked plan had achieved its object. Nor should we entirely ignore the part that ordinary stupidity plays; Mr Heffer may well have failed to recognize Mr Wakeham, thinking he was a working miner, injured by Mr Scargill's *heavies, being introduced into the* House for shock purposes by the energy secretary. But speculation could continue almost indefinitely without hitting upon an explanation that would leave Mr Heffer in the clear, or indeed anywhere but in the mire.

One of the problems in estimating the true character and worth of Heffer is that he is fat. There is a very deeply rooted *belief* in this country that fat men are invariably genial souls, always handy with a jest and brimming over with the beer of human kindness. The tradition presumbably stems from Falstaff, but there is no doubt that it is very often soundly based; anyone who knows Mr Godfrey Smith, for instance, will recognize the very essence of the man whose vast bulk covers a heart of gold.

Heffer has profited from this stereotype; "Good old Eric", for all his political extremism, his unwavering resistance to his party's attempts to rid itself of the fascist left, his criticism of *the Communist* Party for its "efforts to water the socialist content" of their policy, his "dedication" to "destroying capitalist society" is none the less widely regarded as a jovial figure – an ass, to be sure, not quite up to the responsibility of being sent to the corner shop for a packet of Liquorice Allsorts, but in all essentials one who would not hurt a fly.

And maybe he wouldn't, with his own hands; *that* is a recognizable type, fat or thin. For since none of my fantasy reasons for Heffer's odious little gesture is the real one, I can only deduce that he remained seated because he thinks he is engaged in something called "the class struggle", that Mr Wakeham is on the other side of that fight, and that to behave towards an enemy as any human being would instinctively do is to display unpardonable weakness in the prosecution of the just war. So instead of behaving as a *human being would,* he behaved as an insensate beast would. Naturally, he would not see it that way. Politics has taken on a harder aspect of recent years, and there are those (though I have never felt that Heffer was one) who welcome this development.

I doubt if Mr Wakeham noticed, or minded very much if he did; a man who has been through what he has just endured is unlikely to have enough emotional energy to spare for spotting boorishness, even when it is boorishness taken to such extreme lengths. I doubt, for that *matter, if Heffer's immense* self-esteem, exceptional even among politicians, will be in any way lessened by my words today. Indeed, I hardly know why I write them. Except, perhaps, that at a time of goodwill it may be necessary to remind ourselves that there has of late years crept into the mainstream of politics an attitude which previously did not exist there, being confined to a small, easily isolated and insignificant area of the outer reaches of our public life. It is based on the belief – not necessarily expressed, but acted upon – that bigotry and intolerance are commendable, that political opponents are only semi-human and should be treated as such, that the instinct towards benevolence is corrupting and should be suppressed. Heffer, for all *his* fraudulent bonhomie, appears to be so imbued with this attitude that he even refused to a political opponent, widowed and disabled, the gesture of sympathy his colleagues extended. I wish Mr Wakeham such consolation as Christmas can bring him, and a speedy return to full health.

NUJ members

This is a second reminder that voting for editor of the union's paper, *The Journalist*, is now going forward. Those who wish to ensure *that it stays in hands that will keep it* representative of the union's members as a whole, and free of extremist politics, should use their single transferable vote by putting 1 against the name of Steve Paterson; 2 against that of David Turner, and no figure against either of the other candidates. Ballot papers must be returned by January 14.

Paul Jennings

Come ladies fill the cash-flow till

"Wassail", as Macaulay's schoolboy would have known, comes from the Middle English *waes hail*, "be in good health." In the OUP *Carols for Choirs* (the first volume, the one with green covers) there are only three entirely unspiritual ones, concerned with food and drink; the Figgy Pudding one, the Yorkshire *We've been awhile a-wandering* ("bring us out some mouldy cheese and some of your Christmas loaf") and the Gloucestershire Wassail ("And here is to Dobbin and to his right eye . . .") Paul Jennings offers a wassail to suit the present times.

A sale, a sale all over the town
When Christmas is over we mark prices down
A very jolly season always is Christmas, you see,
'Cause it lasts from September to January.

So here is to Christmas, that magical week
From sales talk we're hoarse until we can't speak
The reason for this, we are sure you will see
Is the weeks from September to January.

Now here's to the public who come in to buy
If we haven't skinned them we've had a good try
And greater and greater the pressure will be
As we go from September to January.

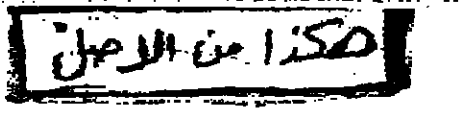
And here's to the order-books dog-eared and torn
For razors and records of folk-songs forlorn
And bath salts and biscuits and lingerie
In the weeks from September to January.

And here's to the columns of ads, with their tale
Of gifts that will make the Joneses turn pale,
Gifts for the mot'rist, for near and for dear
Gifts for the humdrum and gifts for the queer.

And here's to the filling of shops with good cheer
And huge model Santas that grin ear to ear
And a Happy New Year, if money there be
Not spent 'twixt September and January.

Come butler and fill us a bowl of the best
There's only two days when we may take rest
And right after Christmas the prices will fall
Of all the old stock that's not wanted at all

So if you want sheets or a lily-white smock
Or lampshades or shoes or a nice shop-soiled clock
Just queue up on sale day and add to the din
When we open the doors and they come pouring in.



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THE NATIVITY

"At midnight, noon is born." – Taoist proverb.

Our lives are like the course of the sun. At the darkest moment there is the promise of daylight. In the morning we grow in strength until we reach the zenith. At the heat of high noon we begin the descent to midnight. For the noon day sun the darkness which lies ahead is no external enemy but its own internal guarantee of another noon to come. In mythology the darkness represented the sun's own inner longing for the eternal stillness of the night, for the false promise of a profound peace whose temptation had to be resisted. The continuity of coming, going and coming again meant the continuity of sacrifice in which the height and light of noon would, each time they were achieved, have to be foresaken for the future.

As a poet and a mystic it was easy for William Blake to see the world in a grain of sand "and eternity in an hour." But common to all religions and to their religious festivals is the need to convey a sense of eternity to ordinary people to bring ultimate things into the human dimension.

"Why do we live?" is best answered by life itself. We should leave the bigger question to exist like a locked room in a part of our house, a familiar doorway which one passes each day along the passage. If we cling to nature and to those simple everyday things that everybody sees, we are living the answers to the big questions and helping to keep them in proportion to the life of each individual.

So it is with The Nativity. With every birth, a rebirth. Life is eternally renewed. There is the beauty of motherhood, not only in every birth but in what comes before and what lies after. In the Virgin, a motherhood-to-be as preparation for motherhood; in the mother the joy of administering to a child; in the older woman, later, the force and peace of a great remembering.

In every birth there is the beauty of childhood. Each of us has been a child, once. The children of today in their hopes and sadnesses, in their solitude, are the way we were as children. In their simplicity they live out life's big questions without ever asking them. They pass the door of that locked room in our house without ever rattling the doorknob.

In every birth there is another beginning. It reminds us that in the beginning was God and since everything that happens to us in this life is a beginning of something. He is always with us. The future arrives in many different guises transforming us long before we are aware of it happening. Just as the darkness gives way to light, so sickness is often the means by which a body discards foreign matter and renews itself.

The beauty and the joy of a birth and the joy of life itself should dispel the unusually intense fear of death which seems nowadays to have whole societies in its grip. A wasted life is a living death long before the clock actually strikes the hour. Fear of death is identical with not wanting to live. Both attitudes negate the possibility of life's completeness. They both negate the affirmation of life as an element in the natural order of things.

As individuals we all belong to this great continuum. The life stream that flows through a woman, from a mother to child and back again, rescues both of them from any sense of isolation and restores them to completeness as particles of time in the passing of generations. This is vividly illustrated at each and every birth, and never more so than at the time of The Nativity. For unto us for always, a child is born.

COMMERCE WITH THE COMRADES

During his visit to Britain last week Mr Mikhail Gorbachov scored undoubted personal successes. He has improved his reputation in the Politburo by confirming his ability to hold discussions with Western leaders without making any concessions. At the same time he and his wife presented a human face to the British public, more accustomed to an image of grey, sinister men lurking behind Kremlin walls. Mrs Thatcher said she liked him and could do business with him. One MP even found him "charismatic". He apparently won popularity in Britain, if not in Moscow, by playing truant while his colleagues laid a wreath at the tomb of Karl Marx.

However, although Mr Gorbachov can be pleasant when he wishes it does not necessarily follow that earlier impressions of the Soviet leadership are wrong. It makes no sense to disapprove of events in Afghanistan and Poland, or to condemn violation of human rights in the USSR, without holding in some way responsible the man regarded as the Kremlin No. 2. He himself told Party ideologists at a recent Moscow conference that they should judge people by their deeds, not their words. (It is a feature of one-party authoritarian states, where there is no freedom to debate fundamental political issues, that decent people are implicated in the most abominable actions; the pilot of the fighter which destroyed the Korean airliner appeared quite distraught, but his commanding officer was later awarded a high medal).

Can there be progress in East-West relations now that the Soviet leaders are again prepared to talk? Can trade help to build bridges and break down barriers? It is certainly no bad thing when Britain supplies the USSR with spectacle lenses, razor blades and shoes. By all means let Russians see more clearly, be cleaner shaven and better shod, while reducing our unemployment and trade deficit. Further, Mr Gorbachov showed great interest in the ICI process which converts methanol to animal feed. The USSR is rich in natural gas, but cannot provide enough cattle fodder; why not help British industry *and* Soviet agriculture by selling such technology?

None the less, there is a negative side to trading with the USSR. It is significant that Mr Gorbachov made a point of showing his gratitude to the executives of the John Brown Engineering group for supplying turbines to the Trans-Siberian pipeline, and thus defying American efforts to impose sanctions.

Trade can build bridges with Moscow while simultaneously placing strains on relations with allies. The cheap credit offered to the USSR by Mr Harold Wilson in 1975 initiated great controversy but brought Britain no dramatic increase in trading profits. By 1980 when the agreement expired only £550 million of the £950 million credit had been used and Britain's trade with the USSR continued to register a large deficit. Moscow deplored the West's use of economic sanctions, but repeatedly uses the prospects of large contracts as a carrot or whip to obtain political advantages by playing one country against another.

As technology becomes increasingly complex, it becomes even more difficult to determine what should be subject to embargo as contributing to the military strength of an adversary. The USSR has vast resources of raw materials; Britain has advanced technology and skilled labour. It is a tragedy that political factors stand in the way of greater co-operation to mutual benefit, but *it is* a tragedy not of our making.

Mr Gorbachov did not wish to discuss human rights. As a lawyer trained in a Stalinist school, he would argue that the law imposes a duty on citizens to accept the will of the regime rather than accept that the law should protect the individual from the arbitrary exercise of authority. But he must learn that real lasting trade agreements will be easier to achieve when the USSR is seen to observe its international obligations on humanitarian issues also. Before that, however, the Soviet Union has to re-establish the West's confidence in its good faith in honouring arms control agreements, since some of the most important of these, such as the 1972 anti-missile agreement, have been seriously violated for lack of proper verification.

NEW THINGS PASS AWAY

The English New Towns deserve a better fate than the precipitate asset-stripping that now seems in prospect for them. At the least they deserve a more public obituary. Without challenge or discussion, Mr Ian Gow has just announced that the development corporations will be wound up speedily, within five years. With barely a ripple on the surface of the parliamentary pool, the New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill has in the past month sailed through the Commons. This bill's few, short clauses are innocuous enough. Yet the bill – and the executive actions it encompasses – realizes an ambition entertained by ministers since 1979 to be rid of these embarrassing hold-overs from the era of large-scale house-building on green fields, monuments of social engineering from the plans of Macmillan and Wilson.

Utopian, corporatist, yes, but the New Towns are not merely administrative entities. They are functioning local economies, mostly energetic and lively communities in which the state – the Government-appointed development corporations – plays a continuing role as developer and guarantor of prosperity. The state must eventually withdraw. That was always part of the plan. But the speed and financial consequences of that withdrawal demand more consideration than the Government or its liquidator, the Commission for the New Towns, seems to have given.

From Aycliffe to Warrington, the New Towns cannot be assessed only on their balance sheets. There is a social accounting to be done. Lewis Silkin's hopes for a "new type of citizen" are now thought naive; but measure should be taken of New Town spirit, one index of which has been the enthusiasm of residents for buying their own homes. The development corporations, quangos that they are, have in most cases impressively fulfilled their task of building, letting and boosting. Is that job finished? In Milton Keynes, also in Peterborough and Telford, the answer is no; Milton Keynes Development Corporation has work (performed at minimal net cost to the public purse because of the strength of its portfolio of assets) to last well into the 1990s. The corporations of the New Towns of the North East form a component of regional aid, seeking employment for and promoting Aycliffe, Washington and Peterlee: this is work that could be missed, for which local authorities are ill equipped.

Privatization was built into the New Towns programme. In Stevenage, in Harlow and in Crawley the corporations built towns; maturing assets were sold and, lo and behold, the Treasury ends up with a net surplus. The same model cannot apply to later New Towns. The corporations of Telford and Northampton were required to spend more on "community assets". Worse, they were required to finance their development by the single channel of 60-year Government loans; the early years' deficits were jacked up to impossible levels by the requirement that they *too* be covered by further borrowing, denominated in the expensive money of the 1970s.

Like the Labour Government of Mr Callaghan, Conservative ministers have shown a deep-rooted indetermination over the English New Towns' debt (the Scottish New Towns have been paid for by direct grants, likewise the urban development corporations for London docks and Merseyside). The bill marks scant improvement; it cancels a portion of the outstanding debt and so perpetuates the unworkable financial framework for the New Towns. The bill turns the Commission for the New Towns into a predator, in existence only to liquidate. Before it goes any further, assurances are needed that the Government will have the patience to let the New Towns' assets mature and for the remaining towns to reach their optimal growth targets before the instigators of their development – the corporations – are abolished.

Attitudes to acid rain

From Mr Sidney Vines

Sir, Eighteen nations have signed an international agreement stating that they undertake to reduce their emissions of sulphur dioxide from power stations. The British (and American) governments are not among them, taking the attitude that the case is not proven and more research is needed.

It might be thought that the Germans, seeing their legendary forests dying, and being a rich nation, are showing a tendency to panic; but the French are normally *hard-headed* and realistic, while the Russians certainly do not throw their roubles around for sentimental reasons.

What the 18 nations have in common is that they are all suffering from the effects of acid rain. The British and Americans are major emitters of sulphur dioxide and only minor sufferers. If they are right that the case is "not proven" then the 18 are wrong.

Yours faithfully,
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December 17.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rip Van Winkle v. the Frog Prince

From Sir Geoffrey Chandler

Sir, The distinguished signatories of the open letter to the Prime Minister (feature, December 20) suffer from the Frog Prince fallacy: that is, from the belief that by concentrating on a single factor – unit labour costs – and on a simplistic explanation of what affects them, this country will hop, transformed, into a new era of higher productivity and lower unemployment.

But productivity derives from quality and design of product, from production planning, marketing, appropriate investment, training and motivation – all management responsibilities – as well as from adequate shopfloor and trade union response and restraint in pay claims.

Overmanning, and therefore labour costs, are as much a product of weak, acquiescent, and short-sighted management as of short-sighted trade unionism. Many skill shortages reflect inadequacy of training and of education, rather than geographical immobility. Even if all the measures advocated by your correspondents were adopted, there would remain a vast array of relevant factors untouched, without whose reform we shall continue the relative decline of the past one hundred years.

Moreover, it is clear that a few individual companies, in almost all sectors of industry, are able to match competition from anywhere in the world in excellence of process, product, and human relationships. They have never fitted superficial diagnoses of a "British disease" and the important questions to be asked are, how do they succeed and why are there not more like them?

The answer is a complex one, embracing some of the factors outlined in the open letter, and indeed the level and direction of public spending so dismissively rejected, but also many more of a more fundamental nature all the way from the world of education to the shop floor and office.

Until we recognise that Rip Van Winkle provides a better analogue for our situation, requiring reform at all points, we will fail to harness the national will necessary to tackle the most fundamental problem that we face today – the need to create, in an increasingly competitive world, sufficient national wealth to provide a higher quality of life and standard of living for the whole of our society.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY CHANDLER,
57 Blackheath Park, SE3.
December 21.

VAT on publications

From Professor Lorraine Baric

Sir, *The possible imposition of* VAT on scholarly and educational publications has wide implications, many of which have already been discussed by your correspondents. May I draw attention to a more specific threat?

No other EEC countries have anthropological associations which are as strong and active as those in the UK. The USA is the only other country comparable to the UK in this respect, but in the USA there are many more universities, and some thousands of professional anthropologists, to help support the anthropological associations.

This institute receives virtually no grants from Government sources and survives financially because of its successful publishing programme; but our economy is somewhat fragile, like that of most similar societies, and further VAT burden could be very damaging.

The same must be true of many other societies in whose field of interest Britain still has a high reputation abroad. For the relatively small benefit to the exchequer from taxing our publications, is it worth jeopardizing the contribution which these societies make both nationally and internationally?

Yours faithfully,
L. BARIC,
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December 7.

Salisbury car park

From Dr Selby Whittingham

Sir, Last year this society had a very successful visit to Salisbury. About a coach-load of members came, but by train rather than by coach. Might I suggest that the solution to the problem of parking coaches in the Close there lies in attempting to get others to use the excellent train service rather than in making the existing situation worse?

In general the problem created by coaches, which can be very useful to societies such as this one, but which are not always the best means of transport, might be alleviated by a tax on coaches and tourism and a subsidy for taxis, which create no parking problem and which could also contain the nuisance created by private cars.

Yours faithfully,
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Queen of tongues

From Dr A. W. F. Edwards

Sir, Dr Crook pleads (December 17) that Latin is needed so that we can follow English official documents prior to 1733. I, a scientist, might have listened to my teachers more carefully 40 years ago had they told me that today I would be trying to follow a paper published in Latin by the famous German mathematician Jacobi as recently as *1834*.

Yours faithfully,
A. W. F. EDWARDS,
Gonville and Caius College,
Cambridge.
December 17.

Striking a balance on defence

From Dr Geoffrey Lee Williams

Sir, You are right to stress (leading article, December 17) that the Soviet objective in seeking to resume the arms-control dialogue is an attempt to frustrate the development of ballistic missile defence which, they fear, will give the Americans a strategic advantage. Thus the Soviets will seek early negotiations to prevent the US achieving a credible defence system which technology might make possible in the distant future. But profound difficulties lie ahead, which makes it most unlikely that an early agreement which "could ultimately form part of a defence technology package of arms-control measures" will be negotiated.

In its present form, arms control has fallen into serious disrepute. This in part results from the central fallacy of the existing approach to arms control, which supposes that the sources of military instability can be removed by a negotiated agreement. Yet it is obvious that, after three decades of talks, the two superpowers are still locked into an unmistakable arms race.

The plain fact is that asymmetries in force structures and military doctrines have precluded any US-Soviet consensus on the meaning of "strategic stability". Thus what seems stabilizing to one side often appears destabilizing to the other.

The issue of US ICBM (intercontinental ballistic missiles) vulnerability during the SALT II talks is a case in point. From the Soviet perspective this development was of a stabilizing nature; thus they had no reason to accept an American proposal to restructure the situation. The resulting SALT II agreement merely ratified the Soviet advantage.

The 1983 INF (intermediate nuclear forces) walkout over the deployment of Pershing II and cruise missiles underscores the point that without some semblance of doctrinal convergence on what constitutes "strategic stability" arms-control negotiations may be irrelevant to the entire issue.

Indeed the evidence strikingly confirms that the US-Soviet strategic and theatre balances have shown a certain stability over the years despite ineffective arms talks. Thus quantitative arms-limitation negotiations have been largely ineffective, but with this major and relevant reservation. The ABM (anti-ballistic missile) treaty only simplified Soviet nuclear attack problems and enabled them to develop confidence in their ability to destroy the US land-based missile force. President Reagan's interest in strategic defence therefore threatens to remove this advantage.

That America's erstwhile allies should seek to head off interest in strategic defence remains in these circumstances either an error of judgement or a failure to understand the strategic analysis behind President Reagan's original strategic defence initiative, as explained by him in March, 1983.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr Hugh Hanning

Sir, Lord Kennet (feature, December 19) is right to take on the "expert" advocates of star wars on their own ground. The technical level of their arguments is as inane as that of the American humorist, Will Rodgers, in World War I. When asked how to deal with the German U-boat menace, he is reputed to have replied: "Drain the Atlantic." Pressed to explain how this might be done, he declared immortally: "We have technicians, don't we?"

This is precisely the logic of the star wars lobby. For even if it were possible to intercept all Soviet missiles in space, Russia would still be able to destroy America from submarines off the Atlantic coast. There is no defence against missiles coming through the atmosphere and not even Dr Teller pretends that there is the faintest prospect of one.

Eventually, when they begin to notice this rather awkward hole in their argument, the star wars brigade may try to convince us that such a defence is possible. Much the best way would be to persuade the President to drain the Atlantic. That should not be too difficult. We have technicians, don't we?

Yours etc,
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Mr Gorbachov's visit

From Group Captain P. W. Johnson

Sir, Your leading article of December 17, quoting the Foreign Secretary's observation that US/Soviet negotiations will have to last from here to eternity, conveys an unpleasant overtone that eternity may be closer than we think.

If Mr Gorbachov's visit has done nothing else, it has at least underlined the futility of lesser members of the conflicting alliances trying to interfere in the vital concerns of the superpowers.

Britain has no reason any more to place herself in the direct line of the US/Soviet confrontation. She would do the world and her own people better service by distancing herself from the potential conflict rather than continuing to believe that there is any effective role she can play.

Ministers and would-be ministers alike delude themselves and the public by pretending that their well-meant attempts at intervention have *the slightest effect on either side.*

Yours faithfully,
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December 18.

Motorway crashes

From Mr Peter Bruinvels, MP for Leicester East (Conservative)

Sir, Following the tragic accident on the M25 last week and a number of other motorway accidents, it is becoming more and more obvious that our motorways should be lit up.

There are currently 1,100 miles of unlit motorway which would cost an estimated £90 million to correct. Maintenance and running costs would amount to £9 million per annum.

Statistics prove that motorway lighting can be expected to reduce the accident rate at night time and in conditions of poor visibility, particularly if motorists refuse to heed speed limits and warning indicators (when in operation).

With more than 200 people being killed each year on Britain's motorways and with a night-time fatality costing an average £205,000, considerable savings in lives and money could be made, if the Department of Transport act now.

It would only have cost £7 million to light the M25. Surely this sum is worth the saving it would bring in terms of human life?

Yours sincerely,
PETER BRUINVELS,
House of Commons,
December 18.

From Mr Charles Arnold-Baker.

Sir, If there is a speed limit, why do we allow on our roads vehicles which can go so much faster than the limit? And if you sell me a fabulous monster capable of 130mph why are we not guilty of criminal conspiracy?

I only ask out of interest. Actually I go by train.

Yours faithfully,
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Death of Sikorski

From Professor Włodzimierz T. Kowalski

Sir, It was with considerable delay that I got hold of a copy of the September 7 *Times*, in which Mr Roger Boyes published the information about the screening in Poland of a new feature film titled *Catastrophe in Gibraltar*. I am the author of the script and am responsible for having the picture tally with historical facts which date back 40 years.

The question regarding the circumstances of General Sikorski's death has so far never been convincingly answered from sources available to historians. After all, that question should be put in the aspect of the opening issue: accident or sabotage? And if sabotage, then by whom?

Writing the film script I was faithful to the opinions which I voiced in my books for decades. These boil down to rejecting the thesis that Sikorski allegedly lost his life in consequence of sabotage inspired by Churchill.

Naturally, the theory pointing at Churchill as the person responsible is very theatrical – something well realised by Rolf Hochhuth, who produced a wartime drama based on this story.

In 1980, in my book titled *The Diplomatic Struggle for Poland's Place in Europe, 1939-1945*, I wrote that Hochhuth "displayed more self-confidence than knowledge of history and outright ignorance concerning the diplomatic situation at that time in general, and of the Polish cause in particular". According to Churchill, Sikorski was *the only politician who could have* assisted his further efforts to resolve the Polish issue.

It was only he, as proved by letters exchanged between Churchill and Stalin, who could have ensured success for a policy of new Polish-Soviet rapprochement. That is why Sikorski's death constituted a serious blow to Winston Churchill, to his political plans of neutralising and limiting the post-war status of the USSR in Poland.

Churchill did not hide that it had been a great loss for him. "It was one of the heaviest blows dealt to us", he said the following morning in Parliament after receiving the news.

Churchill arranged for Sikorski a funeral, as had never been the share of a foreigner in Great Britain. It was more than an expression of a debt of gratitude. When words of thanks were extended to him, he raised his hands high up, as during elevation, and exclaimed: "Thus I want to elevate the Polish cause so high."

Just before the funeral General Sosnowski led in Mrs Sikorska. She was dressed all in black. Churchill and his wife, followed by a number of ministers, arrived just after them. "When everybody took their place," said a commentator of the *Polish Daily*, "the Prime Minister knelt down and prayed for several minutes. Colonel Borkowski stood aside, just in case, to help Mrs Sikorska. At a certain moment I saw Churchill weeping."

The script for the picture titled *Catastrophe in Gibraltar*, as well as the movie itself, fits within the framework of the above-mentioned evaluations. It was not the intention of its makers do dot all the is and cross all the ts though they opted rather for the theory of sabotage without pointing the finger at anyone in particular.

That is why I was amazed reading Mr Boyes' report that the film charged Great Britain as responsible for Sikorski's death.

Yours etc,
WLODZIMIERZ T. KOWALSKI,
Jazgorzewska 7,
00-730 Warsaw,
Poland.

Fairness to staff in Sunday trade

From the President of the Union of Shop, Distributive, and Allied Workers

Sir, You leader, "Observing Sunday, and the law" (December 12), hit the legal nail on the head when it stated, "the great department store chiefs are in a rather special position vis-a-vis the established order, having a responsibility towards legality even higher than Mr Patel's on the corner."

Of course, major employers should set an example in obeying the law and I am pleased to note that Debenhams, Woolworth/B&Q and Habitat/ Mothercare /Heals have decided to accept that they must obey the 1950 Shops Act.

It is arrant nonsense, however, for Habitat Chairman, Sir Terence Conran, to pretend (December 15) that the only way to update the 1950 Act and end the anomalies is to scrap all controls on shopping hours and remove the protection afforded to shopworkers by abolishing the Shops Act altogether.

To allow seven-day 24-hour trading would be intolerable for retail managers and staff. Sir Terence Conran may get enough volunteers and weekend-only casual staff to open on Sundays and Bank holidays in some of his stores, but his insistence on experienced full-time staff working on Bank holidays (without the consultations required under the Wages Council Act) resulted in third and final warnings being given to half a dozen of his staff in Manchester, until USDAW stepped in to get these illegal threats withdrawn.

No, Sir, there is too often one law for trade unionists and no law for leading retailers.

Yours faithfully,
SYD TIERNEY, President,
Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers,
188 Wilmslow Road,
Fallowfield,
Manchester.
December 18.

Dr Alan Clift

From Dr David Patterson and others

Sir, Dr Alan Clift, in the seven years since his suspension from the Home Office Forensic Science Service, has been given no opportunity in the courts to present his side of the matter, to call witnesses or to be represented before an independent tribunal.

At the Preece appeal in the High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh (June 19, 1981) before the Lord Justice General, Dr Clift was first referred to as "discredited". He was unrepresented there and at all the subsequent appeals.

He has since been given no public *opportunity to defend himself or to* argue for his scientific views, despite the fact that the Home Office, who instigated the whole affair, have been permitted to produce witnesses of their own choice, who appear to have condemned Dr Clift solely on the basis of reading his personal case notes, his reports and court transcripts of evidence.

We have even seen one appeal (Machin, December 18, 1981) where the sole ground for allowing the appeal seems to have been a press report of the Preece appeal. Even the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, that ultimate resort of the injured citizen, referred in his report (January, 1984) to Dr Clift's work as "an unprecedented pollution of justice at its source", apparently without taking evidence from Dr Clift.

The time has surely come to call a halt to this complete negation of natural justice. We appeal for a tribunal, totally independent of the Civil Service, to be set up to review the whole Clift affair.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PATTERSON, A. KEITH MANT,
STANLEY H. BURGES, CHARLES C. A. ST HILL,
M. CLARKE,
WILSON R. HARRISON, KEITH SIMPSON,
STUART S. KIND, R. C. WOODCOCK
8 Woodlands Close,
Harrogate,
North Yorkshire.

Embryo research

From the Reverend Stephen Leeke

Sir, Today a Harley Street doctor (*Robert Newill, December 14*) objected to the phrase "defenceless human embryos" as emotive, preferring the term "blob of cells"; justified interference in pregnancy on the grounds that we celebrate birthdays, not conception days; and insisted he is not in league with the Devil – "God allows . . . a high proportion . . . to die before they are even born".

Such arguments could justify anything! Can we still believe that those who carry out research on human embryos will treat them with respect and take seriously rules such as the 14-day limit recommended by the Warnock committee?

It is impossible for those who deal daily with bottles of "blobs of cells" to treat them as anything other than that, and for this reason such research should be forbidden.

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN LEEKE,
Rose Cottage,
8 Railway Street,
Cherry Hinton,
Cambridge.
December 14.

Golden oldie

From Mrs Ann McCaw

Sir, While we were shopping in the dark, December afternoon our ears were assaulted by the loud-mouthed juggernauts on the road and by the jets grinding their way into Heathrow overhead.

Also, competing from the loud-speakers of the charity collectors, an amplified choir shrieked "Silent Night".

Yours sincerely,
ANN McCAW,
15 Leinster Avenue, SW14.
December 16.

COURT AND SOCIAL

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron and trustee, will attend receptions at St James's Palace on February 21 for young people who have reached the gold standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Mrs Ogilvy, celebrate their birthdays on Christmas Day.

Lord St Oswald's funeral service will be held at 1pm at Nostell Priory Church on Friday, December 28. Transport will meet the train leaving King's Cross at 10.35am, arriving at Doncaster at 12.20. Similar arrangements will be made for the return journey, leaving Doncaster at 4.42pm, arriving King's Cross at 6.26pm.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. J. Bowler and Miss A. R. Glaser
The engagement is announced between Graham John Bowler, of Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, and Alison Ruth Glaser, of Whetstone, London, N20.

Mr A. J. Camp and Miss K. M. Jackson
The engagement is announced between Adrian, only son of Mr and Mrs T. Camp, of Arkesden, Clavering, Essex, and Kelda Marie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs S. J. Jackson, of Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

Mr A. H. G. Gill and Miss A. P. J. Parkinson
The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs George Gill, formerly of South Africa, and Antonia, only daughter of Professor C. Northcote Parkinson and the late Mrs Parkinson, of Guernsey.

Mr J. P. C. Franck and Miss A. J. Flint
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. R. Franck, of Bromley, Kent, and Amanda Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. S. G. Flint, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr S. J. Hubner and Miss P. V. Miller
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs J. R. Hubner, of Epsom, Surrey, and Penelope, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. G. Miller, of East Preston, Sussex.

Mr D. S. Kaltsas and Dr S. E. Iles
The engagement is announced between Dimitris, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Theodoros Kaltsas, of Thessaloniki, Greece, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. Iles, of Solihull, West Midlands.

Mr J. P. Kettle and Miss C. Desmond
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Peter Kettle, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, son of Mr and Mrs R. W. Kettle, and Catherine (Katie), younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Pat Desmond, of Keston, Kent.

Mr R. J. Taylor and Miss E. A. Isles
The engagement is announced between Roger John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Harry Taylor, of Brixham, Devon, and Elisabeth Anne, only daughter of Major-General and Mrs Donald Isles, of Denton, Lincolnshire.

Mr H. M. Railton and Miss J. E. H. Lord
The engagement is announced between Howard, son of the late Wing-Commander J. M. Railton and Mrs J. M. Railton, of Loughton, Essex, and Janine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Lord, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr A. F. Mason and Miss W. A. Collins
The engagement is announced between Anthony Frank, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. F. Mason, of Hillingdon, Middlesex, and Wendy Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Collins, of Carshalton, Surrey.

Mr D. C. Masters and Mrs S. D. Bennett
The engagement is announced between David Masters, of White Colne, Essex, and Susan Bennett (née Triggs), of Wakes Colne, Essex.

Mr P. M. Peyser and Miss L. J. Francis-Lang
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs M. Peyser, of Waterlooville, and Lisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Francis-Lang, of Petersfield, Hampshire.

Mr R. J. Turner and Miss M. K. Milne
The engagement is announced between Richard John, son of Mr Richard Turner and the late Mrs Turner, of Mulbarton, Norfolk, and Marion Katrina, daughter of Professor and Mrs Alan Milne, of Durham City.

Mr D. H. White and Miss J. M. Sparling
The engagement is announced between Dermot, only son of the late Mr T. White and of Mrs E. White, of Ballymount, Irish Republic, and Jill, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Sparling, of Urmston, Manchester.

Marriages

Mr J. L. Simonian and Lady Clare Doig
The marriage took place quietly on December 15, 1984, in Harrogate between Mr Jack Levon Simonian, of Harrogate, and Lady Clare Doig, daughter of the late Earl of Denbigh and Betty Countess of Denbigh, of Newnham Paddox, nr Rugby.

Mr G. P. Melling and Miss R. Lee
The marriage took place on Saturday, December 22, at the Church of Saint Benedict, Cambridge, between Mr Geoffrey Melling, son of the late Mr Thomas Melling, and of Mrs Melling, of Barrow in Furness, and Miss Rosemary Lee, eldest daughter of the late Sir Frank Lee and of Lady Lee, of Newnham Path, Cambridge.
A reception was held at Corpus Christi College.

Mr D. R. Gilbert and Mrs J. Chandler
The marriage took place quietly on Friday December 14, 1984, in West Sussex, between Mr Derek Gilbert, of Nutbourne Place Farm, Nutbourne, near Pulborough, West Sussex, and Mrs Julia Chandler (née Buck), of St John's Wood London.

Major D. J. B. Woodd and Mrs F. J. B. Chichester
The marriage took place in Little Coxwell on Monday, December 17, 1984, between Major David Woodd, 14th/20th King's Hussars, and Mrs Frances Chichester.

The pop-muezzin's call to prayer

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The fastest-selling record in the history of pop music and the number one hit begins with the words: "It's Christmas time. . . . Put your arms round the world at Christmas time. But say a prayer; pray for the other ones. At Christmas time, it is hard; but when you are having fun, there's a world outside your window, and it's a world of dread and fear. . . ."

It may not be Poet Laureate material. Nothing but admiration and congratulations are due, however, to the 40 top artists, from Boy George downwards, who came together to make the famous Band Aid single, "Do they know it's Christmas?" whose entire proceeds are wholly dedicated to the relief of famine in Africa.

Even the Government has now entered into the spirit of the enterprise, by finding a way to channel the value-added tax in a famine-relief direction. Pop groups *usually* scramble to be top at Christmas: this year they have buried their competitiveness and abandoned their prospects of profit. Human nature is a funny thing. One can sometimes even be proud of it.

"Do they know it's Christmas?" is a contradiction of all general assumptions about the commercialization of Christmas, the selfishness of youth, the degeneracy of pop musicians, and the secularisation of society. It is not a secular record. It is "commercial" only in the sense that it sells – by the million, there is no other commercial point to the exercise whatever.

Even the Pope's Christmas message will hardly be more profoundly religious, and he could do worse than sing it himself from St Peter's balcony, being no mean talent with a song.

The making of the record and its popularity illuminate the state of popular moral sentiment. It is not sentimentality: there are reserves of unlimited compassion for those who are black, poor, and far away; and ugly with hunger. "Do they know it's Christmas?" does not wrap famine in euphemisms: it is about hot sun, dry rivers, and dying slowly. It is deliberately designed to spoil Christmas appetites. It is embarrassingly direct. It that is "punk", then long live it.

The public has not great interest in whose fault it is, in fine theories which put the blame on Western development aid policies or incompetent Marxist governments. It goes to the heart of the Ethiopian matter: here are humanbeings, fellow men, women, children and babies of the same species, in deadly trouble, and they must be helped. Christmas 1984 isn't Christmas without "the bitter sting of tears", to quote the song.

The record says "Pray . . . ." It does not say "think of . . ." or "remember . . ." or "send a cheque or postal order to . . ." (though the latter might be hard to rhyme.) The nation's top pop musicians call the nation's youth to pray for those outside the Christmas window. One could ask if they really meant it; but better to assume they do.

It is the turn of organized religion to give way to pop culture: the churches have been calling for money, not prayer. No doubt few of those musicians have recently darkened the doors of a church, and do not often kneel, hands together, eyes closed. But they say "pray"; and some of them have said since that this was the most worthwhile record they have ever made.

So may one listen to pop music while praying? May one pray while listening to pop music? Or singing it? To call upon others to pray, is to pray. To want to pray, is to pray.

To feel a deep and indescribable pain at the sight of strangers in distress, starving Ethiopians or whoever they may be, is to pray. Perhaps even *to lay wreathes at Marx's tomb* in Highgate is to pray.

Those who buy this record and hear the words may guiltily avoid the pop-muezzin's call. They need not worry. To hear and understand it is prayer *enough*. Prayer is beyond definition: it is a setting of the heart, rather than the mind, in a certain direction, beyond, outside, above, within, transcending self and pettiness, a yearning for something or someone, It or Him, that cannot be grasped yet exists.

It is a universal instinct, no less common than sex. It is no less easy. It is no less important. Or so the nation's principal pop musicians seem to be saying.

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Denis Allen, 74; Mr Noel Carrington, 90; Mr Colin Cowdrey, 52; Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens, 78; Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, QC, MP, 51; Mr E. Fernyhough, 76; Sir Stafford Foster-Sutton, QC, 86; Dame Joan Kelleher, 69; Sir Noel Moynihan, 68; Miss Thea Porter, 57; Miss Noel Streatfeild, 89; Mr J. D. Taylor, MP, 47; Viscount Thurso, 62; Mr P. S. Ziegler, 56.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Lord Annan, 68; Miss S. J. Browne, 60; Mr *Andrew Cruickshank*, 77; Mlle Francoise Durr, 42; Lord Energlyn, 72; Mr Kenny Everett, 40; Lord Grade, 78; Mr Stuart Hall, 50; Sir Peter Matthews, 67; Mr Ismail Merchant, 48; Sir Charles Mott-Radclyffe, 73; Professor Noel Odell, 94; Sir Geoffrey Organe, 76; Mr Nigel Starmer-Smith, 40.

BOXING DAY: Mr Patric Dickinson, 70; Mr Alastair Dunnett, 76; Miss Irene Handl, 82; Sir Christopher Hewetson, 55; Professor Thea King, 59; Miss Jane Lapotaire, 40; Mr T. K. Lyle, 81; Mr Denis Quilley, 57; Sir Mark Tennant, 73.

Christening

The infant twin sons of Mr and Mrs Andrew Manderstam were christened Rupert Andrew and Randolph Fairfax by Father John Tracy, SJ, at Farm Street Church, W1, on December 19, 1984.

Dinner

The annual Chanukah dinner of the Maccabaeans was held at the London Press Centre last night. The guests of honour were Sir Hermann Bondi and Lord Young of Graffham, Sir Alan Marre, president, was in the chair and Professor Harold Baum also spoke.

Registrars to retire

Mr Registrar R. Rieu, county court and district registrar in the Hastings group of courts since 1968, and Mr *Registrar F. Saville, county court* and distrect registrar on the North-eastern Circuit since 1971, are to retire on December 31.

Archbishop carves: Dr Robert Runcie in a chef's hat tackling a turkey at a Lions Club of Canterbury lunch for the elderly at Slatters Hotel, Canterbury, yesterday. Supervising the Archbishop of Canterbury is the chef, Mr Tony Larking(Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Services today and on Christmas Day

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: M, 7.30; HC, 8 and 12.30; E (said) 3.15; carol service and blessing of the Crib, 4; HC, 11.30pm, Missa Brevis (Palestrina). Christmas Day: HC, 8; M, Jub Howells, Collegium Regale, TD, Vaughan Williams in G, the Dean; HC, 11.30, Missa Sanctus Dominici (Rubbra), Int Dormi, Jesu (Rubbra). E, 3.15: Mag and Nunc dimittis, Stanford in C, A, For unto us a child is born, (Handel), Hodie Christus natus est (Sweelinck).
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC, 12.45; Midnight Eucharist, 11.30pm, A, Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), Whence is this goodly fragrance (French carol arr Willcocks) the Bishop of Southwark. Christmas Day: HC, 9; Eucharist, 11, A, Ave Verum (Mozart), A maiden most gentle (Trad. arr. Carter), the Provost.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL AT ST JAMES'S: Christmas Day: HC, 8.30; sung Eucharist, 11.15; Darke in E, Canon Caesar.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): Christmas Day: HC (said), 8.30; sung Eucharist, 11, Darke in F.
GUARDS' CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: Midnight service of HC, 11.30, the Chaplain. Christmas Day: M, 11, the Chaplain.
LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: (public invited, entry via *Lincoln's Inn Gateway*) Christmas Day: HC (said) 10.
TOWER OF LONDON: (public welcomed): HC (sung), 11.30pm, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina).
TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): Christmas Day: HC, 8.30; MP (followed by HC), 11.15, TD, Laudramus (Vaughan Williams in G), Jub Deo (Walford Davies in G, Festal), A, Hodie Christus (Sweelinck), the Master; organ voluntary.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): Midnight Mass, 11.30pm, Mass in C (Mozart) Communion: O Magnum Mysterium (Victoria), the Resident Chaplain. Christmas Day: Choral Eucharist, 11, Schubert Mass in G; Communion past three o'clock. Rev R D Hesketh.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: Midnight Eucharist of the Nativity, 11.30pm. Christmas Day: HC, 8.30 and 12.15; M, 11, Stanford in C, A sound of Angels: the Chaplain.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Midnight Mass 11.30pm, carol singing by candlelight, Blessing of the Crib, the Vicar. Christmas Day: Family service with Communion and carols, 11, Rev M Beech.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place: Christmas Eve, HC, 11.30pm, Rev R Simpson: Christmas Day: HC, 9.30; Christmas Morning Service, 11, Rev R Bewes.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: HM, Midnight Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn) the Vicar. Christmas Day: HM, 11, Missa Brevis in G, K140 (Mozart) Rev J S W Young.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH: HC, 11.45pm; Christmas Day: HC, 7, 8, noon; children's service, 10 and 11, Rev C E L Thomson.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: Carols 11.35pm: Christmas Day: Procession: Blessing of the Crib and HM, 12 (Midnight) Messe de Minuit (Charpentier). HC, 8.15, HM, 11, Missa I Magnum Mysterium (Victoria), O Magnum Mysterium (Byrd).
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton: Midnight Communion, 11.30pm. Christmas Day: HC, 8, Family service 11, Rev J T C B Collins, HC, 12.15.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road: Christmas Day: HC, 8.30; MP, and Eucharist, 11, Rev C Laurence.
HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street: Midnight Mass 11.45pm, Canon Roberts: Christmas Day: HC, 8.30; Eucharist, 10.30, Canon Roberts; HC, 12 noon.
ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: Carols 11.30, HM, Midnight, Fr Gaskell; Missa Brevis (Britten), There is no Rose (Britten): Christmas Day: LM, 9.30, HM, 11, Fr Gaskell: Mass in G Major (Schubert) Glory to God (Handel).
ST MARY'S Bourne Street: Carols, Midnight Mass, 11.40pm, Messe de Minuit (Charpentier); Quem Vidistis pastores (Poulenc); O Magnum Mysterium (Poulenc) Dr Brian Horne. Christmas Day: LM of the dawn 8; LM of the day 9.45; HM, 11; Missa Octavi Toni (Lassus), Resonet in Laudibus (Handl); the infant King (trad). Dr E L Mascall, OGS.
ST MARYLEBONE Parish Church: Midnight Mass, 11.30pm, Rev D Head, Missa Sancti Nicholai (Haydn), See the Word is incarnate (Gibbons). Christmas Day: HC, 8 and 11, Rev C K Hamel Cooke: Missa Brevis in D, K194 (Mozart): For unto us a son is born (Handel).
ST MICHAEL'S Chester Square: Midnight HC, 11.30pm, Rev J A Mumford: Christmas Day: HC, 8.15; Family 11, Rev J A Mumford; HC, 11.45.
ST PAUL'S Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: Solemn midnight Eucharist 11.30pm, Mass in D (K Leighton), Te Deum (A Wills), carols, Rev A C C Courtauld. Christmas Day: HC, 8 and 9; Solemn Eucharist 11, Missa Brevis (W Mathias), Te Deum (W Mathias), Hodie Nobis de Caelo Descendit (Alessandro Grandi), Rev R G Russell.
ST PAUL'S Robert Adam Street: Christmas Day: Family Service with HC, 10.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: Blessing of the Crib and Midnight Mass, 11.45pm: Missa Brevis in B flat (Mozart), Fr D B Tillyer. Christmas Day: HC, 8.15; Family Mass with Carols, 10; Solemn Mass, 11, Mass for Four Voices (Byrd), Hodie Christus (Palestrina), Rev A Chidwick.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 11.45 pm, Christmas Day: HC, 8; MP, 11; Rev O B Clarke.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: Blessing of Crib and HM, 12 (Midnight), Missa O Magnum Mysterium (Victoria). Christmas Day: LM, 8, 9; HM, 11, Missa Super, Mon coeur se recommande à vous (attrib Eccard), Prebendary H Moore.
ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11.30 pm, Missa in Simplicitate (Langlais): Personent hodie (Holst), I sing of a Maiden (Berkeley), Canon French-Baytagh.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11.30 pm, candlelight service: the Very Rev Dr J Fraser McLuskey. Christmas Day: 10, Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: 11, Family Service, the Very Rev Dr J Fraser McLuskey.
CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Covent Garden: 11.30 pm, Watchnight Service. Christmas Day: 11, Christmas Day Service: Rev J Miller Scott.
THE ORATORY: Midnight Mass: Mass in C (Beethoven); Christmas Day: LM, 7, 8, 9, 10; HM, 11, Mass in D (Mozart), O magnum Mysterium (Victoria): LM, 12.30, 4.30; Benediction, 3.30.
ST ANSELM AND CECILIA, Kingsway: Solemn Latin Mass, Midnight: Pastoral Mass (Gruber), Pastores loquebantur (Brixi). Christmas Day: SM, 11, Missa "Puer Natus est" (Collard), Hodie Christus natus est (Willan).
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place (Holborn Circus): Midnight Mass: Tallis Mass Puer Natus est Nobis; Pearsall: In Dulce Jubilo; Britten: Hymn to the Virgin.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street: Carols, Blessing of the Crib, Midnight Mass (sung) 11.30 pm.
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood: Midnight Mass, Missa Brevis in F (Mozart), Carols from 11.15 pm. Christmas Day: Missa Vidi Speciosam (Victoria).
THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: 7.30, 8.30, 12.05 and 1.05 pm, 6 pm; Midnight Mass with Carols, 11.30 pm, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn). Christmas Day: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11, 12.15, 5 and 6.15.
REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: Christmas Day: 10, Rev J Miller.
CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11.30pm, Midnight candlelight Communion: Rev Dr R John Tudor: Christmas Day: 10.30, 40-minute family services: Rev Dr R John Tudor.
WEST LONDON MISSION, Hinde Street Methodist Church, W1: 11.30, Midnight Communion: Christmas Day: 10, family worship.
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: Christmas Day: 10.00, Rev Dr S Johanson.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: Christmas Day: 11.00, Rev Dr R T Kendall.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road: Christmas Eve Midnight Eucharist, 11.30 pm: Christmas Day: Christmas Morning Service, 11.00.

OBITUARY

PROF HUGH SETON-WATSON

Historian of Eastern Europe

Professor Hugh Seton-Watson, CBE, FBA, well known as an authority on the countries of Eastern Europe, died in Washington, DC, on December 19 at the age of 68.

George Hugh Nicholas Seton-Watson was born on February 15, 1916. His father Professor R. W. Seton-Watson, was himself well known as an authority on Central and South-East Europe and his mother, Marion (May) Esther Stack before her marriage, was a leading organizer of the relief fund set up to help Serbian refugees in the First World War.

Inheriting his father's intellectual and linguistic gifts, Hugh showed early signs of sharing in his historical and political interests. His first formal education was in a French school; after a distinguished career at Winchester and New College, Oxford, ending with First Class Honours in Modern Greats, he travelled widely in Central Europe and the Balkans, benefiting to the full from the openings afforded by his father's prestige and friendships.

Europe was then on the eve of the Second World War, and he was able to study at first hand such unpleasant and unfamiliar aspects of fascism as the Iron Guard in Romania, *and to acquire a sympathetic* understanding of the democratic parties opposing it. With the latter's more radical representatives, such as the left-wing Serbian Agrarian leader Professor Dragoljub Jovanović, he felt a special rapport. He was at that time a fervent believer in socialism and internationalism, and though never convinced by the dogmatic claims of Marxism or tempted to militate in the communist ranks, he shared the admiration felt by many of his generation for Soviet Russia.

Soon after the outbreak of the Second World War, the expertise already acquired on SE Europe secured Seton-Watson's temporary attachment to the British Legations in Romania and Yugoslavia. His reports already showed insight and maturity of judgement, and he was recruited by the organization later known as the Special Operations Executive, then being set up to counter German penetration and to strengthen contacts with pro-Western groups.

How far SOE was behind the coup of March 27, 1941, which overthrew the Belgrade Government that had just signed Yugoslavia's adhesion to the Tripartite Pact is still a matter of historical debate. At all events, Seton-Watson was forced to flee from Belgrade when the Germans launched their attack 10 days later, reached the Gulf of Kotor in the vain hope of being evacuated by the Royal Navy, and fell into evemy hands along with other members of the Legation staff. His fellow captives recall how a band of loot-hungry Italian soldiers were frightened by the flood of idiomatic invective unleashed against them in their own language from one of the youngest and most tousled members of the Legation.

After brief internment in Albania and Italy, the Legation party was repatriated to Britain. Seton-Watson was then soon sent out to Istanbul, where SOE established an outpost to glean information from the occupied Balkans and establish contact with clandestine resistance groups. After the Allies' advance into North Africa and the evident possibility that they might strike up into SE Europe, SOE's role grew more important. Now in uniform at Middle East HQ in Cairo, Seton-Watson worked on analysing the reports received from the occupied lands and in briefing the British officers sent in to stimulate or liaise with the resistance movements.

The assessment of the confused and complex military-political scene, and the recognition of the growing importance of the Communist-led Yugoslav Partisans, became important factors in inducing the British to switch their support from the Chetnik leader Draza Mihailović to the then little-known Tito.

During 1942/43 Seton-Watson also found time to work on what was to become his first book, *Eastern Europe between the Wars*, intended as background to the upheavals which followed in the train of war. Published in 1945, it was followed five years later by *The East European Revolution*, based on the knowledge acquired during and after the war, when the author also carried out a number of assignments as special correspondent for *The Times*, visiting Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Romania in 1946, Hungary and Czechoslovakia again the following year, and Greece in 1948.

The study of the sovietization of Eastern Europe had also led Seton-Watson to immerse himself in Russian Bolshevism and European Communism. The result was the loss of many youthful illusions ....

Elected a Fellow of University College and Praelector in Politics at Oxford in 1946, he continued to bring his practical experience and interest in current affairs to the academic world in which he was to make the rest of his career. In 1947 he married Mary Hope, daughter of G. D. Rokeling, and Oxford remained their home until his appointment to the chair of Russian History at the University of London's School of Slavonic and East European Studies in 1952, the year in which he published his first book on Russia, *The Decline of Imperial Russia*.

The books and monographs which followed over the next decades, apart from his major contribution to Russian studies, *The Russian Empire, 1801-1917* (1967), were primarily concerned with the inter-related themes of nationalism and communism: *The Pattern of Communist Revolution* (1953), *Neither War nor Peace* (1960), *The New Imperialism* (1961), the *"Sick Heart" of modern Europe* (1976), and in 1977 his monumental *Nations and States – an enquiry into the Origins of Nations and the Politics of Nationalism*, in which his exceptional knowledge of Central and SE Europe's intricate national mosaic issued to illuminate manifestations of similar phenomena in areas as diverse as Africa, the Middle East, South America and SE Asia.

The academic distinctions which his teaching and scholarship brought him included membership of the British Academy, the degree of D.Litt from Oxford University. Perhaps his most fruitful collaboration on an international academic scale was the editing, jointly with his brother Christopher, also an historian and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, and the Institute of Croatian History in Zagreb, of two volumes of his father's correspondence during 1906-1941.

Hugh Seton-Watson's chief relaxations were bird-watching, often in Scotland, and travel. Loyal and warm in his friendships, he nevertheless sometimes showed the impatience of those who do not suffer fools gladly. But his real wrath was reserved for ideas and actions alien to his liberal, humane outlook, and for the fanatical and perverted manifestations of nationalism.

Science report

Modern star of wonder in the sky

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

On Christmas Day tomorrow a new star will appear in the night sky, not over a stable in Bethlehem but over California. The apparition will be followed by men on Earth, scientists tracking the celestial object with all manner of electronics.

The spectacle will be created by those same scientists when they send a signal from Earth to cause a *5lb canister of barium to explode*. It will scatter a vapour trail to imitate a small comet, 70,000 miles high. The colour will change from red-yellow-green for the first minute to purple-grey thereafter, and it will be visible for 20 minutes.

Instructions for the release of the barium vapor will come from the Rutherford-Appleton Laboratory, near Oxford, which is the control centre for the experiment.

The material will be released from one of three satellites, which were launched simultaneously on August 16 this year. They are known as the Active Magnetospheric Particle Tracer Explorers. The purpose of the experiments is to understand what happens in the solar wind.

The results should provide important data about the Sun's effects on the Earth's atmosphere and help to explain how extraordinary phenomenon such as the Aurora Borealis is really produced.

The joint project between Britain, West Germany and the United States is trying to *understand the processes by which* large amounts of energy from the Sun reach the Earth and an equally large amount is deflected around our planet.

The question arose after the discovery by the first American satellite, Explorer 1, that the Earth was surrounded by a vast belt of particles, stretching from 60,000 miles above the ground to 80,000 miles. Subsequent experiments showed that the ionized particles in this magnetosphere were controlled by the magnetic field of the planet, not by the Sun.

The energy flowing from the Sun includes an outflow of energetic charged particles, mostly protons and electrons, which are squirted into space mainly from highly active parts of the Sun seen as sunspots. Those form part of the solar wind. When the solar wind reaches the magnetosphere some complicated reactions occur, and it is those which the satellites are studying.

Answers to the Body Quiz

Answers difficult

HAND
1: China (3rd letter). 2: Keratin (7th letter). 3: Horses. One hand is four inches. 4: The opposable thumb. Most other primates possess some degree of opposability. 5: Movable type. 6: Taylor, Bob, of Derbyshire and England. 7: The art or science of estimating character from handwriting. 8: Paderewski, Ignace, briefly Prime Minister of Poland after independence in 1919. 9: Jacob. 10: The little finger on the right hand.

EYE
1: Conjunctivitis. There are many types of conjunctivitis. Most of them are highly infectious (8th letter). 2: Brushes. (5th letter). 3: Homer (4th letter). 4: Galileo. 5: Falconiformes – birds of prey. The peregrine falcon can spot a hare from five miles. 6: Iron pyrites. 7: The Cyclops blinded by Odysseus. 8: The inability to distinguish between red and green. 9: Eyeball to eyeball. 10: Brooks, Mel.

EAR
1: Jenkins, Captain Robert – the British fought the Spanish in the War of Jenkins' Ear, in 1739 (7th letter). 2: Xylophones and relatives such as marimba and vibraphone (5th letter) 3: Harmonica (7th letter) 4: Edison, Thomas Alva. He patented his first in 1877 (2nd letter). 5: Flattened third and flattened seventh. The flattened fifth is quite common in bluesy music (6th letter). 6: Caruso, Enrico. "Vestila giubba", recorded in 1902, sold more than a million (3rd letter). 7: Krakatoa. 8: Eustachian tube. 9: Gauguin, Paul. 10: Getty, J. Paul III.

BLOOD
1: Women. It is only transmitted by them (1st letter). 2: Harvey, William in 1628 (5th letter). 3: Bismarck, Otto (1st letter). 4: Garlic. 5: Black pudding. 6: A, AB, B and O. 7: Low pulse rate. Swimmer Dawn Fraser has a pulse of 42. 8: The Crown Jewels in 1671. 9: Hungary. 10: Leech. Leeches are still used in medicine.

LEG
1: Gout (2nd letter). 2: Francis, Trevor (1st letter). 3: Achilles. 4: Byron, Lord. 5: Nutcracker. 6: Oedipus. The answer to the riddle has to do with the ages of man: as an infant he crawls on all fours, at maturity he walks on his own two feet and in old age he hobbles with the aid of a stick. 7: The stork. 8: Grable, Betty. 9: Victor the giraffe died of heart failure at Marwell zoo after spending six days stuck in the splits. 10: The garter by the Knights of the Order of the Garter.

HAIR
1: Figaro (1st letter). 2: Bald eagle. (2nd letter). 3: Duchamp, Marcel. (3rd letter). 4: Straight (2nd letter). 5: Eisenhower, Dwight and Gerald Ford. (3rd letter). 6: 100,000, approximately. 7: Pope, Alexander wrote *The Rape of the Lock*. 8: Bluebeard. 9: Blood and bandages. Barbers were often surgeons, specializing in bloodletting. 10: Mussolini never wore a moustache.

NECK
1: Adam's (4th letter). 2: Shakespeare (3rd letter). 3: Duncan, Isadora (3rd letter). 4: Tonsillectomy (13th letter). 5: Cou. 6: 1964. Peter Anthony Allen and John Robson Walby were executed on *August 13*. 7: *The former locked the* head and the arms; the latter locked the legs and sometimes the arms. 8: Army and Navy Club tie. The tie is blue and the motif red. 9: Head or short head. 10: Stranglers and worshippers of Kali who flourished in India until their suppression by *the British Raj*.

HEART
1: Cape Town in 1967 (2nd letter). 2: Lovebird. There are nine species of true lovebirds. They are all parrots. 3: Heloise. 4: Casanova, Giacomo. 5: Presley, Elvis. 6: Bennett, Tony. 7: Greene, Graham. 8: Scott, Walter. 9: About the size of your fist. 10: Schroeder, William.

BRAIN
1: Dostoevsky, Fyodor (4th letter). 2: Energy, mass and the speed of light (4th letter). 3: Computers (5th letter). 4: Doctors (4th letter). 5: Psyche (5th letter). 6: One learned in many subjects. 7: Old paints often contain lead. 8: Three pounds, approximately. 9: When you're counting in binary. 10: Three.

STOMACH
1: Sodium bicarbonate (4th letter). 2: Tournedos Rossini (9th letter). 3: Enzymes. 4: Tartare. 5: Yes. Lengthy survival is possible after *partial or total gastrectomy*. 6: Pancreas. 7: Burns, Robert in "Address to a haggis". 8: It is also named after a battle. 9: Bamboo. 10: Melba, Nellie. Peach melba and melba toast were both dedications.

Answers ultra-difficult

HAND
1: Wittgenstein, Paul. Britten, Strauss and Ravel wrote works for him (1st letter). 2: Hands. Pork forelegs and banana bunches are known as "hands" (1st letter). 3: Renoir, Auguste. Disability forced him to paint with his left hand (4th letter). 4: Gemini. 5: First World War – it was the Serbian secret society responsible for the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand at Sarajevo. 6: Empty hand. 7: Camus, Albert. 8: A particularly influential American judge. 9: "Mene mene tekel u-pharsin". 10: In ascending order: full house, four of a kind, straight flush. In a wild card game, five of a kind beats a straight flush.

EYE
1: Rainbow (5th letter). 2: Nelson put his telescope to his blind eye at the battle of Copenhagen in 1801. (5th letter). 3: Spinoza, whose beliefs were counter to prevailing orthodoxies (5th letter). 4: *Becky Sharp* (1935), directed by Reuben Mamoulian (4th letter). 5: Impressionism. 6: Argus. 7: Lippershey, Hans in 1608. He was a Dutch spectacle-maker. 8: Leeuwenhoek, Anton Van, in the 17th century. The connection with disease was not established until the 19th century. 9: They have never been seen. 10: About a million.

EAR
1: Tritone, or flattened fifth. The interval was forbidden by the medieval church (1st letter). 2: Hertz, Heinrich (1st letter). 3: Ellington, Duke (1st letter). 4: A = 440. 5: Delius, Fritz. 6: ¾. 7: Stirrup – one of the three auditory ossicles *in the middle ear*. 8: Cage, John. Stravinsky commented: "I'm looking forward to hearing a full-length work by the same composer." 9: Otology. 10: Flemish.

BLOOD
1: Calcutta, after Kali, the Hindu goddess of blood (5th letter). 2: Perceval, Spencer in 1812 (1st letter). 3: Badger baiting. 4: Sickle-cell anaemia. 5: Production, destruction, process and storage of blood cells. 6: 1881. Notable victims included Alexander II of Russia and President Garfield of the United States. 7: Haemoglobin. CO combines very readily with haemoglobin, thus inhibiting oxygen transport. 8: White blood. The disease is characterized by the proliferation of white blood cells. 9: The two brothers-to-be cut their arms, bled into a common bowl and both drank from it. 10: About 50,000 miles.

LEG
1: Daddy long legs (1st letter). 2: Nijinsky, reputedly. The entrechat is a jump in which the dancer crosses his straight legs at the calves (2nd letter). 3: Samuel, "The English Aristophanes"; Michael, Dingle, Hugh and Paul (5th letter). 4: Adele, Fred's elder sister. In fact she was instrumental in Fred's taking up dancing. At the age of 4½ he was taken along to his sister's dancing classes. Adele was the greater star of the two until she retired to marry (2nd letter). 5: Louis XIV, the Sun King. He was an accomplished dancer and appeared in many of the court ballets from the age of 12 until he was 32. 6: Grimaldi, the father of Joseph Grimaldi, the great clown of Sadler's Wells. Old Grimaldi took up his appointment as dentist to the English Queen in the 1750s, abandoned his post and became ballet master at Drury Lane where his strength and spectacular leaps brought him his nickname. 7: Stocking suspenders. 8: Elssler, Fanny, contemporary and great rival of Marie Taglioni. 9: The waltz, in 1816, reporting on its introduction to the court by the Prince Regent. 10: Cricket. A leg-before-wicket decision is about whether the ball would have hit the wicket if the batsman's leg had not stood in the way.

HAIR
1: Ockham's Razor – a principle in philosophy formulated by William of Ockham in the 14th century (4th letter). 2: Absalom, the son of David, was thus found by Joab, who killed him (1st letter). 3: Vivaldi, Antonio (1st letter). 4: Wit (2nd letter). 5: The Rolling Stones (6th letter). 6: Maugham, Somerset (4th letter). 7: Root and shaft (scapus). 8: Louis XIII set the fashion for wigs in 1624. 9: Barber, Samuel (1910-81). 10: Doyle, Conan.

NECK
1: Goitre. It is caused by iodine deficiency which was once particularly common in the Peak District (2nd letter). 2: Scrofula – tuberculosis of the lymph glands in the neck (5th letter). 3: Seven. 4: Ivory. 5: More, Sir Thomas. 6: The axe with which he was about to be executed. 7: Parmigianino. 8: Laryngeal prominence. 9: Moulding or mouldings around the top of the shaft of a column below the capital. 10: Weygand, General at the fall of France in 1940. Churchill replied "Some chicken, some neck".

HEART
1: Shelley's. Trelawny rescued it from the flames. It became the subject of dispute before reaching its final resting place (3rd letter). 2: Gay, John in the prologue to *Dione* (2nd letter). 3: Trees. It is decay in the hearts of trees caused by various fungi (1st letter). 4: Porter, Cole (5th letter). 5: Masonry (5th letter). 6: Queen of Spades. 7: *Apocalypse Now*. 8: Wild pansy. 9: Increased heart rate. 10: Leopold of Austria.

BRAIN
1: Kraepelin, Emil in 1896 – although he named it dementia praecox (1st letter). 2: Mill, John Stuart (2nd letter). 3: Dopamine (7th letter). 4: Turgenev, Ivan Sergeyevich (4th letter). 5: Archimedes, Newton and Gauss (10th letter). 6: 230, by a 10-year-old American girl. 7: Maxwell, James Clerk was probably the most important 19th-century theoretical physicist. 8: He developed the first standard test of intelligence. The Binet-Simon scale appeared in 1905. 9: All have been used for shock treatment on the mentally ill. 10: Leo XIII. The others went insane.

STOMACH
1: Cake (4th letter). 2: Montagu, John, 4th Earl of Sandwich (3rd letter). 3: Tripe. Connoisseurs prefer the honeycombed (1st letter). 4: Liver. The active ingredient was later discovered to be Vitamin B12 (2nd letter). 5: Cowper, William (6th letter). 6: Cheking-Kiangsu, Fukien, Szechwan (3rd letter). 7: They are the foods which people are all allergic to, and are used in elimination diets to test for food allergy. 8: Mango. 9: Pythagoras. 10: 18, this year.

The surprises are:
Difficult
The 10 words make up an incomplete quotation: "In the spider web of facts many a truth is . . . ." Complete the quotation.
Ultra difficult
The 10 words make up a question: "Who died having eaten up the entire Book of Kings?"
Answers on Thursday

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THE ARTS

Ludvig Holberg (right) was not only the begetter of a much-loved Suite, but a dramatist of the first importance, born 300 years ago: Anthony Masters reports

A reproof to us all

Holberg? You mean Holberg of the Holberg Suite? Well, I suppose being known only for music composed in your honour is better than nothing; but, considering the fact that Grieg's work is a concert classic anybody can hum, it seems extraordinary that Ludvig Holberg, founder of the Danish theatre, historian, academic, essayist and witty voice of reason, is still buried in the ranks of those great playwrights who have given centuries of pleasure to their own compatriots and are unknown and unappreciated in every other country.

Grieg's work, now exactly 100 years old, is a bicentenary tribute from a fellow-townsman. Holberg was born 300 years ago in Bergen, Norway. His autobiography tells of a youth spent happily trudging through France, Italy and England, this last trip in company with a friend and a dog (a well-meaning creature which got them thrown out of a *nonconformist baptism* in Oxford for trying to rescue a lady from total immersion). A quirk of fate turned Copenhagen's young professor of metaphysics and Latin into "the Danish Molière". Soon after he published a satirical *jeu d'esprit* called *Peder Paars*, which outraged sections of the Danish establishment and became a best-seller overnight, a brave little company of impresarios and actors was given a patent by King Fredrik IV to establish the first Danish-language theatre. But there was no repertoire. *Holberg was invited to create* one, and wrote five of his best plays for the theatre's opening in 1722. The venture was short-lived: public support was slow, and, only a few months after the first royal subsidy was secured in 1728, the great fire of Copenhagen closed all places of entertainment in a reaction of puritan shock.

Before they could reopen, Fredrik died and was succeeded by the meekly pietist Christian VI, under whose regime the flickering flame of Danish theatre was extinguished for nearly 20 years more.

But by that time Holberg had written 25 plays. Molière, performed by French comedians, had been the reigning taste and was Holberg's first inspiration, suggesting characters, situations and even dialogue. But Holberg's plays have a quite distinctive flavour, which Grieg's musical tribute manages to suggest very well: sanity, geniality, a good-humoured reproof of pretentiousness and intolerance that sends the audience out of the theatre happier and wiser people. Holberg's moral essays have the level sensibility of Addison and Steele in *The Spectator*, and Swift in *Gulliver's Travels* gave him the prototype for *Niels Klim's Journey to the World Underground*, in which a priggish young Norwegian visits fabulous communities that show mankind's noblest and basest qualities taken to extremes.

Jeppe of the Hill, Holberg's best loved play, develops the Christopher Sly motif in *The Taming of the Shrew*, which he would have been able to see during his London stay in 1706. Jeppe the peasant, like Sly the tinker, is the victim of a princely practical joke awaking from a drunken sleep to find himself dressed like a lord with banquets and servants laid on. But Jeppe, in contrast to Sly's contented coarseness, is a sad little fellow, worked to death, poor, alcholic, whipped by his wife, and pathetically weak. No wonder he spends all his wife's *shopping money in the tavern.*

He is everybody's victim, from the callous innkeeper to the deacon who is seducing his wife. And, as if his brief interlude of wealth and privilege were not cruel enough, Holberg has the joke turn very nasty: Jeppe is tried for fraud, made to swallow "poison" and hung on a gibbet before being released. Only when giving a glamourized account of his adventures in the pub does he realize that everyone is already in the know. This great role, the Danish equivalent of what Hamlet means to an English actor or Truffaldino to an Italian, moves expertly through the difficult area separating comedy from pathos.

Holberg's lighter works are generally scourges of folly, from *Erasmus Montanus* (a satire on pedantic philosophers reminiscent of the Diafoirus scenes in *Le Malade imaginaire*) to *The Political Tinker*, another practical-joke plot in which a shopkeeper and political know-all is proclaimed mayor with predictably wretched consequences.

Public-bar wiseacres, of course, are still with us and such extreme devices are unnecessary to make *The Political Tinker* contemporary. But it is with the subtle and disturbing *Jeppe of the Hill* (which actually made the Pitlochry Festival a few years back) that the Holberg revival ought to start. It is not just national pride or cultural duty that has Copenhagen's current productions of *Jeppe* and *Erasmus Montanus* packed to the doors. It is time that, 250 years or so late, we discovered what we have been missing.

London galleries at Christmastide

Fun is a serious business

John French
Victoria and Albert Museum

Chinese Ornament
British Museum

Contemporary Aboriginal Art of North Australia
Australia House

Academic Painters
Imperial War Museum

What do you mean, you thought something jolly would be nice for the holiday season? Anyone would think you expected art to be *fun*. Well, all right then: apology accepted. *But don't do it again.* And now, let me see what I can find to cater for your evidently perverse tastes. Jolly? I think probably the best contender for that title would be John French's work as a fashion photographer, at the Victoria and Albert until March 10. Not, needless to say, that the show for a moment gives the impression that photographing fashion is anything other than a very serious and businesslike business: though in the Fifties *Look at Life* they have obligingly to hand, illustrating French actually at work in his studio, we see quite a lot of a top model, Barbara Goalen, steering her speedboat in a howling gale (she loves speed, the commentary says), you can tell that the life is not exactly one big bed of roses.

But French seems to have enjoyed it, and everybody, surprisingly enough, seems to have enjoyed working with him. In the early Fifties he began to revolutionize fashion photography by banishing haze and bringing in masses of light, so that every detail (every detail he wanted you to see, at any rate) was crystal-clear: "But you can see every seam", spat out a glossy editor in deep disgust. So you could; and you can. Though the clothes from French's heyday – he died at the height of his powers in 1966 – may have dated, the way they are shown has not: crisp, clean and to the point, and often with a saving sense of the grotesque which introduces a charming kind of home-grown surrealism, these pictures last. And, come to think of it, those mini-skirts and Op Art fabrics and lunar helmet-hats suddenly do not look all that terrible either: time, evidently, and more than time, for a re-think.

I do not know that you could call the British Museum's **Chinese Ornament** show (until May 5) jolly, but it is certainly very pretty, which is just as good for the holidays, if not better. It is also, in a sly way, extremely informative. The point is not in the title, or even the sub-title *(The Lotus and the Dragon)*, but sneaks up on you gradually: the influences clearly went backwards and forwards along the Silk Road and other routes of trade and conquest between East and West with astounding regularity from the time of Alexander on. Far from the twain never meeting, it proves in practice impossible to keep them apart.

Some motifs, such as the acanthus leaf and the capitals of the major classical orders, travelled east at a very early stage, and can be unmistakably traced right across Asia. Then, later, some Chinese forms and ideas, such as the mythical creatures we variously (if imprecisely) call dragons and phoenixes, the fish and the flowers and the kinds of porcelain upon which they were often deployed, travelled westwards again to become inescapable in Persian and Ottoman ceramics, carpets and elsewhere. Indeed, some of the "Chinese" elements which came back were transformed versions of what had begun anyway in the West. All this the show lets you know if you care to; but, if you do not, then just enjoy the feast of colour and design it offers, and leave others to worry about whether the trabeated arches of the East (they are the sort with a flat top and slightly converging sides) were simply misunderstandings of primitive attempts to render perspective in the West.

The traditional life-pattern of the Australian Aboriginal can never have been a source of much innocent merriment. From the catalogue of the Australia Council's show **Contemporary Aboriginal Art of North Australia** (Australia House, until January 11) we learn, for instance, that death was not only elaborately mourned, with wailing and self-mutilation, but it was never regarded as a natural occurrence: someone or something always had to be to blame. Curiously, in such a paranoid world, the art usually looks very cheery indeed. The paintings on bark or wood which make up most of the show are full of life (natural, I suppose, among a people who saw no reason why life should not go on for ever) and of action. There are hunting scenes, scenes of procreation, pictures of the stick-like mimi spirits, who for all their skeletal appearance were generally regarded as beneficent, teachers of useful skills and such, and of appealing-looking local marsupials. The carvings take up the same themes, and there is also no dearth of abstract pattern-making, especially from the Tiwi tribe, whose art – uniquely in the world? – was wholly abstract from the earliest traceable times.

It would be interesting to know more detail about the circumstances of the recent and living artists represented. We are told that some of them use modern, commercially produced fixatives in their otherwise traditional work, but I was unable to trace any visible sign of the cheapening and cutifying which generally goes on when supposedly simple native inhabitants continue to produce their tradtional art for a modern market. How has this magical artistic innocence been preserved? Are the Aboriginals less touched than one supposes by the modern society all round them, or have they a remarkably strong continuing consciousness of their own special qualities? Whichever, there is strength as well as beauty here in abundance.

No doubt the Imperial War Museum's show **Academic Painters: Forgotten Artists of the First World War** (until March 10) does not sound too much like a bundle of laughs either. Nor is it, for who would be so unkind as to laugh at the straining symbolism of Charles Butler's *Blood and Iron* (Christ comforting a mangled mother in a scene of devastation, sneeringly surveyed by a beastly Hun on horseback) or John Hassell's *The Vision of St George over the Battlefield*? Quite a number, possibly, of the long-suffering liberal parents dragged by their children to look at the tanks and guns.

But in doing so they are undoubtedly doing the right thing: the show courts ridicule in order to make a perfectly serious point about the kind of rabid home-front patriotism which, as Nurse Cavell observed with different intention, was never ever enough.

Some of the other academics seen here, reflecting on a war which, ironically, was to become the great preserve of the modernists, continue quite decently to do what they always did: only the title of Frederick Mayor's large Impressionist townscape *British General Headquarters, Place de l'Eglise, Montreuil* hints at war nearby, and it is fairly coincidental that Stanhope Forbes's sail-makers happen this time to be WRNS. Nor are Stuart Reid's *Boys Own Paper* heroics in *Bombing of the Wadi Fara* (horses against byplanes), really objectionable, since no one could take them very seriously. They make you smile, but they also make you think.

John Russell Taylor



Banishing haze, bringing in light: John French's fashion photograph of Nicole de la Margé for *Harper's Bazaar*, October 1965

Channel 4's most distinguished offering tomorrow is **Christopher Nupen**'s two-hour film about Sibelius: interview by Peter Lewis

Forests transformed into music

"For God's sake don't think of film as art – it's craft." Christopher Nupen likes to quote this maxim, given to him by Visconti, when he is explaining the techniques that have won so many awards for the music films he has directed for television since 1967. The latest prize-winner, from the International Festival of New York, is *Jean Sibelius*, which Channel 4 is transmitting for two hours on Christmas night.

Nupen's approach is almost the direct opposite of Ken Russell's. No actors masquerade as composers or as the women in their lives. No filmic fantasy accompanies the music. "I don't see an actor getting to the heart of what a great composer means to us. What is really important about Schubert or Mozart – or Sibelius – is not reachable by impersonating them. I would never do that. I use the camera to show, not them, but the sights that they saw, together with the music and their own words. I admire Ken Russell's breathtaking talent but personally I like to hide myself as much as possible."

In his Sibelius film the visual element consists partly of hair-distinct close-ups of the orchestra and in equal measure of the Finnish landscapes that inspired Sibelius and were the natural complement to his tone-poems and symphonies. It is as *if we experience forests* made music: the screen is saturated with images of trees, trees and water, trees and cloud, trees and snow. Their black and white verticals go flying past the camera, mixing and dissolving in semi-abstract compositions that are sometimes an uncanny match for the sound.

To this are added the words of the composer's diaries, which often give moving and poetic descriptions of his struggles with musical form, "to write what is ultimately and forever right".

Fortunately the composer is available to play himself in the brief glimpses we have of him on archive footage. The Finnish state has also carefully preserved the country house, Ainola, some 25 miles outside Helsinki, where he lived with his wife for 53 years and where much of the film was shot.

Any treatment of Sibelius is faced with the enigma of his last 30 years of silence. Nupen attributes it partly to the world's impossible expectations combined with the composer's waning powers and increasing self-criticism, which also increased his drinking. "I think his nerve failed him", he says. At any rate, before his death at 92, he took the finished pages of the Eighth Symphony on which he had been working for over 20 years and incinerated them. "There was a big bonfire here", said his wife, "but I stayed in another room."

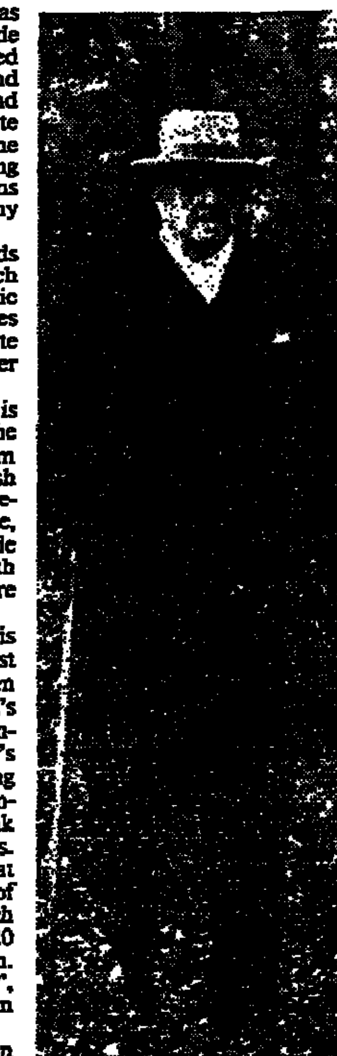
It is often said that television music programmes would be better without the expected pictures of musicians sawing away. How does Nupen obtain results so superior to the



Nupen: self-effacing

average? Intense and dedicated in manner, he insists it is a matter of taking time and trouble with the craftsmanship, as Visconti indicated. The Sibelius programme took more than 18 months to create, with three visits to Finland to shoot in different kinds of weather. He used 10 cameras, instead of the usual three, to record the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra. "We go for one take only because orchestras get bored very quickly and they must not only play well but be seen to play well."

Over several films, Nupen has built up a rapport with this orchestra which enables his cameras to take positions that



Sibelius walking in the forests of Finland

other musicians would balk at. Boris Belkin, the soloist in the Violin Concerto, had a camera only 12 inches away over his shoulder. And Vladimir Ashkenazy, who directs the orchestra, is a close collaborator and friend. Nupen has been making films about him since the Sixties.

The matching of picture and sound is, naturally, the director's most vital function. "The picture should help the ear, so that both picture and sound resonate together. Ideally, the picture should tell you one thing, the music another and the commentary should add a third." He always writes and speaks his own commentary, providing the film with a coherent framework. Some viewers will be surprised to find that he has sacrificed *Valse triste* and *The Swan of Tuonela* because they would not fit into the development of Sibelius as a symphonist.

The film was five months in the cutting room. "All films are made in the cutting room", Nupen insists. "It is the care and especially the time that is put into editing that counts. You can't put in the closing credits 'This film would have been better if we had had more time'. It's the old dilemma – do you want it good or do you want it Tuesday?" It was because the BBC wanted it, if not Tuesday, sooner than he could be satisfied with the result, that he resigned in 1968 and set up as the earliest of independent television producers. His BBC team of the cameraman David Findlay and the film editor Peter Heelas went with him.

They had already been acclaimed for their intimate portraits of performers, such as Ashkenazy, Daniel Barenboim (seen together in *Double Concerto*) and Jacqueline du Pré. Together they now made a full-length portrait of Ashkenazy and *The Trout*, which has probably been televised more than any other comparable music programme. Another prize-winner was the film of Segovia, a hero of Nupen, whose instrument was the guitar. He went to Siena to study with him and there made the original radio feature for the Third Programme which set him on his path to television.

Financing his films has always been a tricky business, and Channel 4 came in the nick of time, when he was on the point of having to stop for lack of adequate funding from the BBC alone. With Channel 4 and German and Swedish networks as regular customers, he turned to making films about composers – Respighi, Mussorgsky, Brahms and the Schumanns, and now Sibelius. Next comes Schoenberg, and in the distance looms Rachmaninov. Of course, being a frustrated performer helps. "I had the choice of becoming a second-rate guitarist or trying to be a first-class producer of music for television." There can be little doubt that he was wise to choose to be the second.

Television

Vigorous survivor

The Masks of Death was a new production for Channel 4, although the cast itself was reassuringly familiar: Peter Cushing (as Sherlock Holmes) and John Mills (as Dr Watson) were combined with what are known on television as "special guest stars", to suggest that only the great can be on really familiar terms with Conan Doyle – or, for that matter, with his most famous creation.

After all the attempts at parody, and the no less frequent inflictions of sexual innuendo or psychoanalysis, Holmes has emerged unscathed – the reason being that he has so vigorous and emblematic a character that he can be neither diluted nor obscured. He has even survived the transition to television, which is more than can be said for most real people. And, as Peter Cushing proved last night, age cannot wither him: he was a Prospero rather than a Hamlet in this production, but none the worse for that.

Once again, the Holmes adventure becomes an opportunity for the exploration of characters and settings on a *grand guignol* scale, last night's plot having to do with a German plan to leak poison gas into the homes of Londoners. And once again it can become the vehicle for that peculiarly English combination of genuine horror and spirited comedy. This is a difficult tone to catch without self-parody, but N. J. Crisp's script managed to perform the trick, apparently to the satisfaction of everyone concerned: this was altogether an excellent production.

Baryshnikov's **Don Quixote** (Channel 4), performed by the American Ballet Theatre at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, was more or less what might have been expected. It was "directed for television", but there are few things less suitable for television than ballet of this kind.

The conventional nature of the sets and costumes is at much more of a disadvantage on the small screen, and the camera itself sets up such a distance between spectacle and audience that we seem to be watching everything through the wrong end of a pair of opera-glasses.

Of course there is no reason why Baryshnikov's dancing should not be seen on television, but there is also no reason why it should not be in some way related to the medium. Last night's production was about as suitable for television as an illuminated manuscript would be for a newspaper.

Peter Ackroyd

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Because of non-publication days, there will be no £20,000 weekly prize for Saturday, December 29. However, the £2,000 daily prize will continue on the days of publication.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Begin, Today. Dealings End, Jan 11. § Contango Day, Jan 14. Settlement Day, Jan 21.

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59.1m	Cater Allen	513	● −10	41.3	8.0	9.2
19.3m	Cattles	20½	..	2.0	8.7	8.8
432.1m	Chart J Rthschld	99	..	6.4	6.5	12.1
1,404.6m	Chase Manhattan	£47⅝	+2⅛	364	9.0	..
4,551.7m	Citicorp	£32⅝	+1⅛	206	6.2	..
16.5m	Clive	49	−3	5.1	7.4	12.5
—	Commerzbank	£49⅞	+1⅞	6.0	0.1	..
—	Deutsche Bank	£105½	+3	120	11.4	..
93.7m	First Nat Finance	79½	−1½	..	..	8.3
93.4m	Gerrard Nat	312	−5	17.1	5.5	8.2
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132.7m	Hambros	163	● −7	8.0	5.9	16.0
—	Do (50p)	£13	● +½	88.5	6.9	13.8
279.8m	Hill Samuel	311	● −5	15.4	4.9	8.8
2,416.8m	HK Shanghai	84½	+4	..	..	..
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225.0m	Kleinwort Benson	380	−5	17.9	4.7	9.6
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—	Nat Aust Bk	248	● +7	..	..	..
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—	Ottoman	£59½	+½	450	6.5	10.0
77.2m	Provident	189	+2	13.6	7.2	8.1
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737.0m	Stand Chart	474	−6	40.0	8.4	6.6
71.8m	Union	718	−5	48.6	6.8	11.7
15.1m	Wagon	64	+3	3.9	6.1	17.3
973.2m	Wells Fargo	£40⅝	+1⅝	..	..	..
20.3m	Wintrust	240	+6	6.1	2.6	16.2

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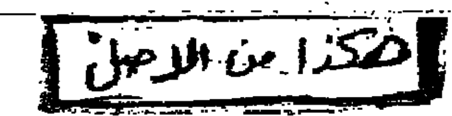
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

The 1984 awards for business and related arts

For the second year, we are presenting *The Times* Awards for Achievement in Business and Related Arts. Bankers, brokers and captains of industry who have influenced the lives of all of us should not be overlooked merely because they are completely unknown to the great British public. The awards also have a secondary purpose: they fill a gap between the non-arrival of confidential letters indicating that a New Year Honour is in the wind and actual publication of the List when feelings of anger or envy are often hard to suppress.

In a vintage year of bubbling stock markets, frenetic political activity and a fine crop of banana skins, the judges had a difficult time deciding who were the most deserving in each category. The principal award, for **Supreme Achievement**, was no exception. The short list included Ian MacGregor, chairman of the National Coal Board, Robert Maxwell, who emerged from behind a brass plate in Liechtenstein as the publisher of the *Daily Mirror*, and Lord King, chairman of British Airways.



Winners: Lord King, for Supreme Achievement, and Mrs Thatcher, Capitalist of the Year.

The panel decided that as Mr MacGregor's business with Arthur Scargill was still unfinished, it should postpone any award until 1986 at the earliest.

There was strong support for Captain Bob whose failure to buy the *News of the World* light years ago was put into perspective this year by a near miss with *The Observer* (his instant breakfast with Ob proprietor Tiny Rowland prompted the famous remark: "I bet I know who had whose kidneys"); 15.54 per cent of Fleet Holdings; and of course Mirror Group Newspapers. However, his miscalculations – Waddingtons and the Fife oil rig construction yard to name but two – told against him.

The **Supreme Achievement** is therefore Lord King's. Though the privatization of BA has been put back, our once torpid national airline has been transformed under his leadership. In the process Lord King persuaded half BA's staff to give up index-linked pensions; ran rings round Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for Transport; and simultaneously neutered the Civil Aviation Authority. President Reagan was induced to call off the Federal Grand Jury investigation into allegations of anti-competitive practices leading up to Laker's collapse. And to crown an outstanding year, the Aviation Bill fell foul of the Stansted lobby (alas, poor Ridley again!).

The **Capitalist of the Year** award could have gone in several distinguished directions but none who might have been called to receive it would quibble for the moment with the judges' unanimous choice. No one has done more this year, or perhaps in any year for capitalism in Britain than the Prime Minister herself.

Her devotion to the cause of the market economy privatization and wider ownership has not flickered. The Government's success in floating British Telecom on a sea of two million private investors may indeed prove to have been a turning point in our political and social history.

There was one extraordinary deviation from the privatization path and it resulted in the panel's decision to give the **Socialist of the Year** award to the Governor of the Bank of England, Robin Leigh-Pemberton. Not in Roy Hattersley's wildest dreams would a bank have been nationalised under a Tory Government. Yet that was the fate of Johnson Matthey Bankers, which now nestles within the Bank of England. The Governor's credentials for this award were established beyond a sliver of doubt when the state-owned Bank made it clear that it did not regard its funds as taxpayers' money.

The other major award, the **Poisoned Chalice**, goes to Sir Maurice Hodgson, who was put in an impossible position by his predecessor as chairman of Dunlop, Sir Campbell Fraser. It was, in fact, only a matter of timing that prevented Sir Maurice receiving the award last year. His successor, Sir Michael Edwardes, receives a special award, in the shape of a silver bust of Salome's Mother, to mark his second amazing pay-off (from ICL) and the number of heads of Dunlop directors he demanded on a plate.

The other awards are:

The Marie Celeste Pennant: To Kenneth Baker now master-minding the sinking of the Greater London Council and the metropolitan counties, who as Minister for Information Technology, was responsible for the mysterious disappearance of the great cable revolution.

The Sir Keith Joseph Certificate for Consummate Tact:

To Simon Keswick, the Taipan of Jardine, Matheson, for moving the princely hong's residence from Hong Kong to Bermuda at the precise moment when confidence in the Crown Colony's future was at its most fragile.

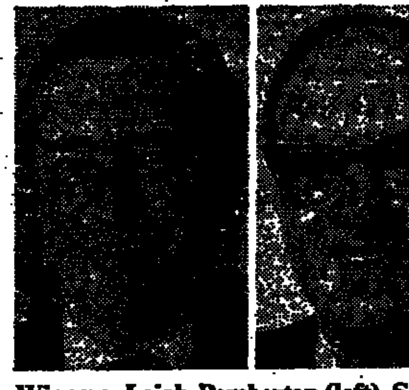
The Golden Cornucopia: To Sir George Jefferson, on behalf of British Telecom, whose release to the investing public enabled everyone concerned to get richer.

Two other awards are connected with the marketing of BT:

Salesman of the Year is David Clementi of merchant bankers Kleinwort, Benson, who lead the successful **The Archimedes Sponge** goes to Jeffrey Sterling, an adviser to Norman Tebbit at the Department of Trade and Industry, who thought up the BT telephone voucher in his bath.

The Robert the Bruce Award for Persistence has been won by Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House. Undeterred from failing to span the Channel by acquiring first P. & O. and then Sealink, he has now determined to build a combined bridge and tunnel.

The Merchant Banker of the Year is shared by George Magan and Roger Seelig of Morgan Grenfell. After an excellent run in 1983, the MG team has again led the field this year. Although it ought have been easy for Mr Magan, Unilever's acquisition of Brooke Bond proved no such thing. The P & O defence was ably done, but the best performance undoubtedly was in Dixon against Currys. Mr Seelig's refusal to accept Scottish Amicable's withdrawal of the crucial acceptance that gave Dixon victory demonstrated (to S G Warburg, W Greenwell and the paying spectators) that, like professional football, the merchant banking takeover game is all about winning.



Winners: Leigh-Pemberton (left), Socialist of the Year, and Sir Maurice Hodgson, the Poisoned Chalice.

Another new award this year, **The Ostrich Feathers**, attracted a strong entry. The panel, with little hesitation, felt that for failing to see the reality immediately around him, Jeffery Bowman senior partner of accountants Price Waterhouse, who failed to merge with Deloittes was the clear winner.

The Realist of the Year, the panel decided without demur, is Sir Alex Jarrett, chairman of the Reed Group. At one blow he went back on his word (for the sake of Reed shareholders) took Robert Maxwell's money for Mirror Group Newpapers and stabbed poor Clive Thornton, **Dreamer of the Year**, in the back. An altogether impressive achievement which might well qualify him to be the next chairman of the Midland Bank.

It only remains to thank all those who put their names forward for this year's awards, and wish them all, winners and losers alike, a Happy Christmas.

Al-Fayeds sue Marwan over House of Fraser share story

By Philip Robinson

A High Court injunction is being sought against Dr Ashraf Marwan, the Egyptian businessman, to prevent him from repeating statements suggesting that the near 30 per cent stake in House of Fraser held by the Al-Fayed brothers is in fact in Far Eastern hands.

Brothers Mohammed, Ali and Salah Al-Fayed, who hold the 29.9 per cent stake in the group which owns Harrods through the Alfayed Investment and Trust company, confirmed yesterday that they had issued a writ against Dr Marwan. It claims damages for defamation and the brothers are seeking an injunction to prevent Dr Marwan from repeating his allegations.

The Al-Fayed brothers bought their stake in Fraser early last month for £138 million from Lonrho, the international mining and casino group headed by Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland.

In a formal statement, the Al-Fayeds said that the question of true beneficial ownership of their stake in Fraser had been raised in recent press reports.

It says: "The incontrovertible fact is that they (the Al-Fayeds) and they alone are the beneficial owners of the shares which they financed out of their own funds and they do not hold them on behalf of or as a nominee for anyone else."

The statement adds: "The Al-Fayed brothers believe that the source of these false and damaging rumours is Ashraf Marwan."

Dr Marwan, who formerly held a 5 per cent stake in the House of Fraser, was not available for comment last night. A spokesman for his London office said last week that he was due to return from America today.

It is understood that reports had been circulating which suggested Mr Mohammed Al-Fayed had been given power of attorney by the Sultan of Brunei and as such was acting on his behalf when purchasing the stake in Fraser.

Sourses to the Al-Fayeds say that Mr Mohammed Al-Fayed did not have power of attorney from the Sultan except for one specific deal which related to a 747-jet aircraft.

There have been other suggestion that the Al-Fayeds are in some way linked with Mr Rowland, who has built a 6.3 per cent stake in Fraser since selling the Al-Fayeds his previous holding.

The Al-Fayeds have repeatedly denied any links with Mr Rowlan or any other businessman and have sent a letter of support to Professor Roland Smith, chairman of the House of Fraser.

Mr Rowland and Lord Duncan-Sandys, the Lonrho chairman, are due to resign their board places at Fraser this week.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Forecasters divided over dollar

Currency forecasters are divided on whether the dollar's long-awaited fall will occur next year. A sharp dollar fall, which had previously been considered a near certainty next year, is now in doubt after the latest rise in the US currency's value, despite lower American interest rates and a widening current account deficit.

James Capel, the stockbroker, in its *International Bond & Currency Review* published today, predicts a 10 per cent dollar decline next year.

The main argument against this, and for continued dollar strength, James Capel says, rests on stronger than expected growth in the US economy next year. The broker says: "If we also assume in this scenario that there is little action to cut the federal deficit significantly, short-term interest rates may rebound nex year, as credit demands from both public and private sectors buid up. This set of developments, in isolation, is consistent with a continuation of dollar strength, as real returns from holding dollar assets remain higher."

It is this view which has led International Treasury Management, a currency forecasting group owned jointly by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Marine Midland Bank, to forecast continuing dollar strength next year.

Cable TV sale

British Electronic Traction has completed the sale of its cable television interests to Mr Robert Maxwell for £9 million. Mr Maxwell's private company Metromode will take over BET's subsidiary British Cable Service; Rediffusion's cable television development centre at Coombe, Surrey; the proposed cable network at Guildford, Surrey, and BET's 14 per cent holding in United Cable Programme.

Simplex buy-out

A £27.5 million management buy-out of the Simplex-GE electrical engineering group of companies from General Electric of the US has been arranged by Candover Investments. Simplex produces a wide range of electrical control, distribution and installation equipment used by the mining, petrochemical, construction and general engineering industries.

Watch on BAT

Standard & Poors Corporation has placed BAT Industries and Tidewater on its "creditwatch" surveillance list in New York. Standard Poor's said BAT's inclusion was due to its plans to purchase Hambro Life.

Race for Japan

American banks e competing for the chance to manage one of the fastest-growing sources of new capital: Japanese pension funds. As part of a cautious move to open up its financial markets, Japan has announced plans to grant "trust banking" licences for up to eight foreign banks next year.

Nigeria criticizes Opec price plan

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Nigeria, which is already out of step with its Opec colleagues in matching lower North Sea prices, has criticized the price plan which the producers' cartel hopes will stabilize world oil markets.

The price formula, due for discussion when the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries resumes its ministerial meeting in Geneva on Thursday, leaves the marker price unchanged at $29, but increases the cost of heavy crude oil from $26 to $26.50 and cuts the cost of light oil by 15 cents.

Opec aims to drive customers back from the increasingly important spot market, where prices have been almost $2 a barrel cheaper, to the contract system.

Opec determination to do so has forced the British Government to reconsider plans to move more North Sea oil through the spot market and less on contract. The British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) the state trading organization, has been losing an estimated £15m to £20m a month as its contract customers desert it.

Opec has chosen this week, the quietest of the year, in world financial and oil markets, to persuade the heads of state of its 13 member countries to approve a new code of discipline covering output quotas and to accept the new price formula.

However Nigeria's public opposition to the price proposals is an indication of the lack of unity within Opec. Nigeria, which was allowed to retain its output quotas when they were last cut in October, has still not yet yielded to pressure to bring its prices back within the existing Opec formula after following Britain and Norway with a price cut late in September.

£11.9m stores sale

By Alison Eadie

Arthur Guinness and Sons, the Irish brewery group, is paying £11.9 million for Neighbourhood Stores, the United Kingdom operator of the convenience stores known as 7-Eleven.

Neighbourhood has 15 stores, the first of which opened in May 1984, and plans a further 40 by the end of 1985. It made a net loss after tax in the six months to September 2 of £512,000 and had net tangible assets of £3.2 million.

The 7-Eleven concept was developed in the US by Southland Corporation, now the world's largest convenience store operator with global sales of $8.5 billion (7.2 billion). Neighbourhood operates under licence from Southland.

The acquisition enhances Guinness' dominant position in the confectionary, tobacconist and newsagent market. Through its ownership of Lavells and Martins it has over 600 stores and it is seeking to develop that base with particular emphasis on convenience retailing.

Guinness believes convenience retailing – a wide range of merchandise sold at extended hours – is the fastest growing retail area in Britain.

Sinclair 'not affected by Prism snag'

By Our City Staff

Serious financial problems at Prism Technology, a wholesaler to Sir Clive Sinclair's home computer company, are unlikely to affect the planned flotation of the company next March.

Mr Kenneth Dick, a director of both Sinclair Research and of Rothschilds merchant bank which is bringing the company to market, said yesterday he would be astonished if Prism's problems affected the sales, profits or flotation plans of Sinclair.

He said the problem at the moment was making enough home computers to get into the shops to satisfy the Christmas demand. The outlets that really mattered were the big retail chains like W H Smiths, Boots, Dixons and John Menzies.

Sinclair sells directly to these chains, whereas Prism, which is thought to account for about one-third of United Kingdom sales, sells to couputer stores and other retail chains like Rumbelows and Laskys.

Post-Christmas sales are crucial to Sinclair in the timing and pricing of the flotation. The prospectus will be issued on the Basis.oι sales in the year ending March 31 next.

In 1983-84 profits were £14.3 million, virtually unchanged from the previous year despite a 42 per cent rise in sales, due to the launch costs of the QL computer and the flat screen television.

Prism Technology has been having talks with its bank, Barclays, to try to hammer out a rescue package following a dramatic plunge into losses in the last few months. The high rate of returns on Sinclair products is understood to have caused some of its problems.

US NOTEBOOK

Now, who's afraid of inflation?

The continuing collapse of US short-term interest rates, which began at the end of August, has so far failed to reignite fears of escalating inflation in the financial markets.

On the contrary, as short-term interest rates have plunged, key indicators of inflationary sentiment in the financial markets have weakened, indicating diminishing, not escalating, concern over inflation in those markets.

I do not believe this development means we are going to have a continuing strong bond rally. Nor do I believe that bonds are going to fall out of bed as a result of the drop in short-term interest rates and any supposed inflationary stimulus that drop may bring about.

Note the force of the drop in U.S. interest rates that has occurred. Between the end of August and Monday of this week:

- Federal funds have dropped from 11½ per cent to 7⅞ per cent – a fall of 32 per cent.
- Long-term treasury yields have fallen from 12.7 per cent to 11.6 per cent – a fall of 9 per cent.
- 90-day Treasury-bill yields have fallen from 10.7 per cent to 7.95 per cent – a fall of 25 per cent.

These are heroic falls in short-term rates. The yield curve has become much steeper as a result. Such declines would have been expected to produce the following results:

- A fall in the dollar.
- A rise in the price of gold.
- Some buoyancy in stock prices.
- Some buoyancy in commodity prices.

As yet, none of these developments has occurred. Three important indicators must make us think about what is going to happen in 1985 and about the sort of economy we are dealing with.

First, the price of gold has continued to fall. Since the end of August, when US short-term interest rates really started to tumble, the price of February 1985 gold futures has dropped from $373 to $317 – a fall of 14 per cent.

Second, the dollar has continued strong.

Third, the Commodity Research Bureau index of commodity futures fell from 258 at the end of August to 246 last Monday – a fall of 5 per cent.

The markets are telling us that they are not afraid of inflation; that speculative profits in gold and commodities will be a long time coming; and that we are in a strange new world of disinflation that may be far more ingrained than we have yet perceived.

Maxwell Newton

ORDINARY SHARES

Strong dollar lifts pharmaceuticals

Paul Clifton

A year ago, Scrooge was wondering where to re-invest the profits of his property speculations. His investment adviser, Mr Robert Cratchit, suggested pharmaceutical shares. Will Mr Cratchit shortly be taking early retirement, and will Timothy be leaving university soon and applying for supplementary benefits?

Fortunately, the answer is probably not. The FTA pharmaceutical index has risen by 40 per cent during 1984, an appreciation almost double that of the FT All-Share index and one exceeded only by tobaccos and insurance brokers. The main reason is that, for most companies in the sector, profits earned during 1984 have been rising strongly. This trend, which has been aided by the strength of the dollar, has fed back even more strongly to share prices through improved multiple ratings.

In 1985, profits in this sector will rise at a somewhat slower rate. One reason for this is that the dollar can hardly be expected to be as helpful a factor in 1985. With multiple ratings now discounting a higher rate of growth from the sector, it is unlikely that another year of strong outperformance of the market is in prospect. Further actions by governments limiting pharmaceutical companies' profitability are also likely to be a restraining factor. Nevertheless, with the prospect of further gains in the stock market generally in 1985, pharmaceutical shares should still appreciate in absolute terms.

Glaxo's share price has risen by more than 50 per cent in 1984. Profits will continue to grow rapidly for the next two years, largely due to the anti-ulcer product, Zantac. However, much of this growth is now discounted by a prospective multiple in the high teens. Glaxo's share price performance in 1985 will rest on an *intriguing* balance *between* the virtually guaranteed growth of the next two years and the uncertainty regarding the impact of new competitive products thereafter.

Beecham's recent profits growth has been sluggish and the shares have performed more in line with the market, rising by 23 per cent in 1984. A more optimistic view of Beecham is now emerging. There are hopes that its new arthritis treatment, nabumetone, will be approved in the United Kingdom reasonably soon in the new year. The combination antibiotic, Augmentin, has got off to a very good start in the US and will be launched in Japan in 1985. Other new pharmaceutical products are also in the pipeline.

Fisons' share price has appreciated by almost 60 per cent this year, following good growth from all sides of the business. However, growth will inevitably slow in 1985 since the past two years have reflected the benefits of major corporate restructuring. Fisons' high multiple seems a fair reflection of good, but not spectacular, growth prospects.

Smith & Nephew shares have also risen by almost 60 per cent in 1984, with profits in the first 40 weeks up by nearly 25 per cent. However, it is unrealistic to expect this sort of performance to continue indefinitely, and we are forecasting slower growth in 1985. The prospective multiple is the highest in the sector and a downward adjustment of 2 to 3 points may be required. Thus, 1985 could be a year in which the share price finally pauses for breath after four years of consistent outperformance.

Among the smaller companies, Amersham has turned out to be the best performing stock in the sector after good interim figures which were assisted by the strength of the dollar. In the absence of this factor, a more pedestrian profits and share price performance should be expected in 1985-86. Macarthys' share price has been in the doghouse for some time due to falling margins in pharmaceutical wholesaling. The situation now appears to have stabilized.

Since even analysts have been known to make mistakes, we decided to consult the ghost of Christmas yet to come to check the accuracy of this article. Unfortunately, the insider trading rules precluded comment. We did learn that Scrooge will contract a peptic ulcer due to worrying whether his broker is being paid too much commission. However, this will quickly be cleared up by the combination of a once-nightly dose of Zantac and a one for one Glaxo scrip issue.

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MARKET SUMMARY

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 9¾-9½%
3-month Interbank 10–9[15/16]%
3-month elgible bills 9[5/32]–9⅛
buying rate
US:
Prime Rate 10.75%
Federal Funds 7.⅞%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.77-7.73%
Long bond 103-103[5/32]

GOLD

London fixing:
am $308.85pm-$311
close $310.50-$311.24 (£264.40-265.25)
New York:
Comex $311.00

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.1735 (−0.0185)
£: DM 3.8530 (−0.036)
£: SwFr 3.0125 (−0.0365)
£: FFr 11.1850 (−0.1275)
£: Yen 290.75 (−4.6)
£ Index: 73.2 (−1.0)
New York:
£: $1.1725
$: DM 3.1100
$ Index: 143.5 (+0.2)

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord .... 924.30(−11.1)
FT-A All Share .... 579.98(+1.43)
FT Govt Securities .... 81.9(−0.44)
FT-SE 100 .... 1204.7(−0.1)
Bargains 22,518
Datastream USM .... 103.39(−3.01)
New York
Dow Jones .... 1198.98(+23.07)
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow .... 11,474.3(+55.15)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 1198.59(+56.5)
Amsterdam: .... 181.0 (+2.9)
Sidney: AO .... 719.7(+1.0)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank .... 1093.0 (+15.4)
Brussels:
General .... 157.50 (−0.21)
Paris: CAC .... 180.9 (+0.2)
Zurich:
SKA General .... 319.30 (+1.0)

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY: Interims and finals: None.

THURSDAY: Interims: Anchor International Fund (quarterly). Finals: None.

FRIDAY: Interims: Arbuthnot Securities Trust (second quarter), Bermuda International Bond Fund, Stavart Zigomala. Finals: None.

THE GILT-EDGED MARKET

Vision of brave new world after the big bang

R. L. Thomas

Gilt-edged clients of W Greenwell & Co who have spoken to me over the years have often accused me of having psychic powers, so uncannily deadly have been my powers to job backwards. Recently, while tossing and turning sleeplessly and worrying about my firm's involvement in primary market making in the new order of the gilts market, I did indeed have one of my visions and I thought that it may be of interest if I were to put down the verbatim story.

The first scene appeared to be set on the actual first day of dealing after "the big bang," Friday July 13 1993, at the opening of the market at 2.00pm London time (new market hours apparently having been fixed at 2.00pm-11pm to coincide with New York). I can recall this quite clearly from a newspaper's account of how delighted Lord Goodison was at the speed at which both of the remaining members of the Stock Exchange Council had managed to push the changes to the system through. The only doubts being expressed were those of some of the smaller firms of brokers, who had mistakenly thought that they had voted for the maintenance and legislation for single capacity as a *quid pro quo* for phasing out fixed commissions in a deal struck with the Government some years ago.

I was listening to the conversation between our market trader and one of our salesmen.

Salesman: "I'm being asked for a price in $50 million nominal of 'Never Nevers' (Funding 3½ per cent 1999/2004)."

Trader: "Gee, Mike, that's a tough one to pick as a first trade. Pretty unmarketable, and with sterling back up to 30 cents despite US money supply being up only $30 billion last night, I'm gonna have to make you a rather wide price: 98⅛–¼ in $50 million.

Salesman: (hand over telephone) "Look, Hank, I can't possibly make that wide a price to this guy, he's one of our best clients and he tells me that the Italians, Salami Brothers, are making him a choice price in $500 million."

Trader: "Hey, Mike, this gilt market ain't no cream bun; Salamis are making a price in bigger size than the issue in this one. They say that Never Nevers is too negative a name for the salesmen to market, so they're stripping the coupon, doubling the size of the issue and changing the name to Always Always. Still, I guess it's the firm's policy to try to hang on to our retail customers, so I'll have to be commercial. I'll make you 98¼–⅜ in $50 million."

Salesman: "A backwardation; are you sure you're going to make money out of this, because naturally I'm not taking any commission from the client?"

Trader: "Hell no? But that's hardly the point of the new system, is it? Make him the price."

Salesman: "Hold on . . . look, the client is worried that if we're making that close a price, we must know something. Is the miners' strike over? Has Kaufman turned bullish again? He's even accusing me of knowing what position the firm's book has got."

Trader: "How ridiculous; with our system of Chinese Walls, even I don't know that. Okay, let's try another tack. Tell him we've just seen some huge business from Mercantile Nomura Wedd Akroyd Casenove Conti & Co. and that we're gonna have to change our price. Make him 98[1/4]-99[1/2] in only half a million."

Salesman: "Hold on . . . Ah, that's better; the client says now he understands what's going on. Just like the good old days he says. He'll buy half a million, and he's even giving me one-eighth commission. he's so pleased. Reckons we must be caught short."

Trader: "Great, Mike, now all I've got to do is undo the business. Let's hope I can get through to the Government Broker some time today. Last time I tried I was told that there were 361 other calls from primary dealers holding ahead of me, and I would have to wait. Anyway, I'll start looking through all the IDB screens now, and should find the touch price within half an hour. Hey, not a bad first trade eh . . ?"

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Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9½%
Adam & Company	9½%
Barclays	9¾%
BCCI	9½%
Citibank Savings †	10¾%
Consolidated Crds	9¾%
Continental Trust	9½%
C. Hoare & Co *	9½%
Lloyds Bank	9½%
Midland Bank	9½%
Nat Westminster	9½%
TSB	9½%
Williams & Glyn's	9½%
Citibank NA	9½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6¼%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 7¼%; £50,000 and over, 8%.

STOCK MARKET REVIEW

Exchange's smallest company scores highest increase

Even in a year when leading shares surged impressively to new peaks, it is still an unknown small one which has made the most outstanding progress, offering the tantalising opportunity of a dream rags-to-riches ride.

BAT Industries may have doubled to 350p and the 50p-paid **British Telecom** shares touched 103½p, but its down among the stock market's tiddlers that the soaraway 1984 share winner lurks.

Dura Mill, which for years plodded on quietly as a Lancashire textile business, enjoying the distinction of being Britain's smallest quoted company, has achieved a remarkable 882.6 per cent gain, climbing from equal to 6.92p a *share to 68p.*

It is not, of course, Dura's unexciting textile operations which have created the advance. The arrival of persistant entrepreneur, one-time financial journalist, Mr David Burne, has spurred the shares.

His Corporate Financial Services has 75 per cent of Dura and, the market is convinced, intends to refashion the business.

Already, some by now traditional moves in such an *exercise have been completed.* Mr Burne has reorganized the Dura capital and announced a rights issue. All that remains is for Dura's high-flying, highly-rated shares to be used for a takeover bid.

Mr Burne is no stranger to the laughter and tears of the stock market's twists and turns. With his brother Malcolm he built up a modest financial empire in the early 1970s. But their tender business was swamped in the crisis of the mid-1970s.

So David returned to scribbling and Malcolm moved to the Far East. He is now empire building in Australia.

Mr David Burne is involved in another "shell" company, Kraft Productions, a furniture maker. Its shares have been suspended throughout the year. But in 1983 they were the fifth best-performing share, recording a 525 per cent gain.

Dura is comfortably ahead of its nearest 1984 rival, C.H. Bailey, the Bristol-based ship repairers. Its tightly held "B" shares have appreciated by 435 per cent.

Pentland Industries is in third spot, with a 418 per cent advance. Its shares have risen from 56p to 290p. Many would argue that such a gain is justified on trading grounds. A shoe group which has evolved *into a mini-international* conglomerate under the direction of Mr Robert Rubin, Pentland is expected to achieve profits of £6 million this year against £1.7 million last year.

Illingworth, Morris, another textile group, enjoys fourth position. After a protracted struggle, Mr Alan Lewis acquired control. The self-effacing businessman's victory effectively ended a Hollywood-style boardroom struggle which involved, for a time, Mrs Pamela Mason, a former wife of the late James Mason.

Mrs Mason is a member of the family which dominated the British film industry in pre-war years and is an American television personality.

But since winning control, effectively ending a City soap opera and, in the process, surviving a Monopolies Commission probe, Mr Lewis has set *about* reviving the once considerable fortunes of Illingworth, Morris.

Last year, Europe's largest wool textile group achieved profits of £3.2 million and half-year profits this time are put at £1.9 million.

Samuelson Group, the television back-up business, **Gripperrods** (taken over by British Land) lead on to **Microfilm Reprographics**, on to the best placed USM constituent.

Dunhill, controlled by Rothmans International and involved in luxury products, features highly in the winners table. So does **Booker McConnell**, the big food group, and **Comfort Hotels International.**

Both owe, at least in part, their success to take-over bids. An offer for Booker came from the Dee Corporation and CHI is in the process of being acquired by Ladbroke Group.

It is, of course, an accurate reflection of the stock market's perversity that not a solitary member of this year's new broadly-based share index, the FT-SE 100, appears in the top 20.

In a year which has been dominated by American buying of British shares and takeover bids, the exceptional gains have occured among the lower ranks.

Even os, tidders and leaders have, with splendid indifference, shrugged off such anxieties as the miners' strike (the previous one brought down a Tory government), crumbling *sterling and declining oil price.*

The FT 30 share index started the year at 771.8 – a then near-peak. It closed on Saturday at 924.3, having last week touched a new 942.6 record.

The fledgling FT-SE (Footsie) has also achieved new highs. It has moved between extremes of 1,223.6 and 978.7 in its first year's existence.

In a year which has left most investors feeling much richer, some are nursing unfortunate losses. For those who backed **Adam Leisure Group**, a computer games concern, the success of the British Telecom flotation and the gains many achieved when BAT make a successful, near-£1 billion bid for the Eagle Star Insurance group, is but a distant dream.

ALG, a USM stock which came to market last year at 80p, now rests at 15p – representing a 84 per cent decline over the year. It is yet another casualty of the computer shake-out.

CIFER, another USM computer stock, has the unenviable distinction of occupying the second spot among the losers and **Arlen Electrical** is third. Just to prove that misfortune suffers no restrictions, a show business company, as well as a snooker firm and other computer stocks litter the losers' table.

But the most famous name among the minus-stocks is Johnson Matthey. The once-proud precious metals group, which has been crippled by its banking division, registers a 72 per cent fall at 70p.

Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

WINNERS

	Price	Percentage Gain on Year
Dura Mill	58.00	+738
Bailey CH 'B'	91.00	+435
Pentland Inds	290.00	+418
Illingworth M A	51.00	+251
Samuelson Group	550.00	+235
Gripperrods	445.00	+227
Microfilm Reprog	170.00	+218
Neill, James Hdg	136.00	+213
Tyzack, W & Turner	80.00	+207
Dunhill	275.00	+206
Comp & Syst Eng	307.00	+203
A I Ind'l Prods	37.00	+196
Burgess Prods A	108.00	+191
Arcolectric 'A'	45.00	+181
Illingworth M	53.00	+178
Booker McConnell	218.00	+175
Comfort Hotels	90.00	+172
Sennah Rubber	13.50	+170
Peters, Michael	248.00	+166
African Lakes	76.00	+162

LOSERS

	Price	Percentage Loss on Year
Adam Leisure Grp	15.00	−84
Cifer	20.00	−83
Arlen Elect	38.00	−79
Pavilion Leisure	18.00	−76
Lyle Shipping	26.00	−76
Star Computer Gr	60.00	−76
Ldn & O'seas Frt	3.75	−74
Reardon Smith	12.00	−74
Resource Tech	47.00	−73
Riley Leisure	38.00	−73
Reardon Smith A	5.50	−72
Johnson Matthey	*70.00*	−72
Cape Indust	34.00	−71
Immediate Bs Sys	34.70	−70
Applied Botanics	5.00	−70
Bula Resources	12.50	−70
Biomechs Int	16.00	−69
MJI Corp	11.00	−69
Memory Computer	90.00	−69
Fobel Intl	31.00	−66

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
7,031,000	A & M Hire	16	−1½	0.1b	0.9	11.9
8,000,000	[illegible]	116	−2	3.8	3.1	14.6
—	Aberdeen Amer	103	−2	..	..	..
28.4m	Access Satellite	186	+6	2.9b	1.5	..
88.5m	Acorn Comp	61	● −6	1.4	2.3	24.9
1,080,000	Acsis	20	..	..	..	15.6
3,750,000	Adam Leisure	15	+1	1.4	9.5	1.9
10.0m	Addison Comms	198	+3	2.0	1.0	37.0
25.9m	Air Call	453	.	8.0	1.8	19.2
8,250,000	Alida	167	.	9.3	5.6	13.4
18.2m	Alphameric	115	−3	1.0	0.9	28.7
2,088,000	Applied Botanics	5½		..	..	..
13.5m	App Holographics	210	+10	..	..	..
—	Do Wnts	165	+10			
84.1m	[illegible]	104	−20	4.3	4.1	8.2
54.0m	Asprey	[illegible]		25.0	2.8	13.2
3,747,000	Assoc Energy	83	−5	1.4	1.7	28.3
28.7m	Baltic Leasing	259	●			
2,582,000	Bensons Crisps	54	−3	2.7e	5.0	6.4
3,591,000	Berkeley & Hay	10	r −½	..	..	..
12.8m	Berkeley Exp	123	−5	..	..	..
14.5m	Berkeley Gp	150	+5	5.1	3.4	16.0
3,459,000	Bio Isolates	41	−2	.	.	.
1,338,000	Biomechanics	16	−2	..	..	..
15.2m	Blue Arrow	111	+5	1.7	1.5	17.5
23.3m	Body Shop	465	−5	1.4	0.3	..
4,193,000	[illegible]	118	.	3.6	3.1	15.2
2,000,000	Breville Europe	12	−1	..	..	3.1
6,864,000	Brewmaker	39	+1	1.0	2.6	16.4
11.9m	[illegible]	253	● −2	1.1	0.4	29.4
8,528,000	[illegible]	110		..	..	..
6,210,000	Britannia Sec	73	−1	1.4	2.0	13.2
8,030,000	Br Bloodstock	235	−3	10.4	4.4	12.2
8,557,000	Bryant (Derek)	351	+3	9.1	2.6	13.8
—	Bula Resources	11	−1			
3,520,000	Business Comp	60	.	1.4	2.4	10.0
20.0m	CML Micro	240		2.0	0.8	34.9
33.1m	CPS Comp	150	−11	0.4	0.3	..
10.2m	CPU Comp	63	−2	2.0	3.2	10.0
19.5m	CVD	155	+15	..	..	..
2,726,000	[illegible]	65	−5	5.2	7.9	13.4
9,953,000	[illegible]	185	+15	6.2	3.8	11.1
4,000,000	Castle (G B)	50	●	4.1	8.3	7.3
58.4m	Central TV	210	−5	12.9	6.1	13.3
8,200,000	Checkpoint Europe	305	−10	.		34.7
451,000	Chem Methods	13		3.0	23.1	
3,117,000	Cifer	20	−8	.	.	3.0
7,060,000	[illegible]	134	.	1.0	0.7	18.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
12.8m	Flextech	70	+2	..	..	10.8
10.5m	Flogas	80	● +4	25.0	..	..
14.1m	Floyd Oil	75	−11	..	..	48.6
3,376,000	Formdesign	135	● +7	5.5	4.1	11.0
15.5m	Framlington	775		12.9	1.7	19.9
57.0m	French Conn	380	● −5	3.7	1.0	28.9
28.3m	Freshbake	102	−1	1.7	1.7	16.2
21.3m	Fuller Smith 'A'	356	..	8.1	2.3	17.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
19.7m	Miesto	18	..	..	..	..
18.6m	[illegible]	285	+25	1.4	0.5	42.3
19.1m	Nth Sea & Gen	73	−2	..	..	..
14.3m	Northamber	193	+3	1.4	0.7	37.8
8,005,000	Oilfield Inspec	85	..	3.8	4.5	6.6
19.1m	Owners Abroad	18½	+¼	1.1	5.8	3.4
5,105,000	PCT	115	..	6.3	6.0	7.8
2,900,000	Pacific Sales	58	..	3.4	5.9	8.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ATHLETICS

Miss Budd's decision 'casting shadow over S African sport'

Zola Budd: embarrassing

Pretoria (Reuter). – Zola Budd's decision to live in South Africa but run for Britain is embarrassing and will cause tension between sports organizations in the two countries, a leading national athletics official said yesterday.

Professor Charles Niewoudt, president of the South African Amateur Athletics Union, said he was concerned about a trust fund set up by the union's vice-president which is paying for Miss Budd to commute from South Africa to international events.

"Zola cannot have her cake and eat it," he said. "I think the whole situation has become an embarrassment to South Africa, not only to athletics but to sport as a whole."

Asked if it was straining relations between the sport's governing bodies in Britain and South Africa, he replied: "It is definitely going to cause tension.

"As far as Britain is concerned, we have had good relations over many years and this affair is casting a shadow over our athletics. I have 30,000 other athletes to look after."

The trust fund set up by the SAAAU vice-president, Jannie Momberg, was going to cause problems because it was administered by three South Africans, Professor Niewoudt said. Under international rules such funds should be administered by nationals of the country for whom the athlete competed, he said. "You can't have a British athlete having a fund administered here."

He said Miss Budd has to make a decision. "If she wants to compete internationally, she must go back to Britain, live in Britain, become part and parcel of the community. Otherwise, she will have to let her British citizenship go."

Professor Niewoudt's indirect criticism of his vice-president follows allegations in British newspapers, widely quoted in South Africa, that Miss Budd is being used by SAAAU officials in their compaign against the sporting boycott over apartheid.

FOOTBALL AND RUGBY FIXTURES FOR BOXING DAY

3.00 unless stated

First division

Liverpool v Leicester City (11.30)
Luton Town v Coventry City (11.30)
Norwich City v Arsenal
Nottingham Forest v Ipswich Town
QPR v Chelsea (11.30)
Sheffield Wed v Aston Villa (2.0)
Southampton v Watford
Stoke City v Manchester United
Sunderland v Everton
Tottenham v West Ham (11.30)
West Bromwich v Newcastle United

Second division

Birmingham City v Grimsby Town
Blackburn Rovers v Leeds United
Brighton v Portsmouth (11.0)
Carlisle United v Middlesbrough
Crystal Palace v Charlton
Fulham v Sheffield United
Huddersfield v Oldham
Manchester City v Barnsley
Oxford United v Cardiff City
Shrewsbury v Wolverhampton (11.0)
Wimbledon v Notts County

GOLA LEAGUE: Altrincham v Barrow; Barnet v Wealdstone (11.15); Bath v Worcester; Boston United v Frickley (11-15); Dagenham v Enfield; Dartford v Maidstone (11.0); Kidderminster v Telford; Northwich v Runcorn; Nuneaton v Kettering; Scarborough v Gateshead; Yeovil v Weymouth.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v Billericay (11.0); Bognor Regis v Worthing; Carshalton v Croydon (11.0); Dulwich Hamlet v Tooting and Mitcham (11.0); Epsom and Ewell v Sutton United (11.0); Harlow v Bishop's Stortford (11.0); Hayes v Harrow (11.30); Hitchin and Hendon (11.30); Leytonstone and Ilford v Walthamstow Avenue; Slough v Windsor and Eton; Wycombe v Wokingham. First Division: Aveley v Hornchurch (11.0); Basildon v Tilbury (11.0); Chesham v Boreham Wood (11.0); Clapton v Bromley (11.0); Hampton v Walton and Hersham (11.30); Kingstonian v Metropolitan Police (11.0); Leatherhead v Lewes; Maidenhead v Oxford; St Albans v Hertford Town; Wembley v Staines (11.0); Woking v Farnborough. Second Division north: Barton v Wolverton (11.0); Berkamsted v Hemel Hempstead (11.0); Epping v Heybridge; Flackwell Heath v Marlow (11.0); Haringey v Finchley (11.0); Kingsbury v Harefield; Leyton Wingate v Cheshunt (11.0); Royston v Saffron Walden (11.0); Stevenage v Letchworth Garden City (11.0); Tring v Chalfont St Peter. Second division south: Banstead v Whyteleafe (11.0); Bracknell v Egham; Camberley v Petersfield (11.0); Eastbourne United v Horsham (11.0); Feltham v Southall (11.0); Grays v Rainham (11.15); Molesey v Chertsey (11.0); Newbury v Hungerford; Uxbridge v Ruislip Manor.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Peterlee v Horden; South Bank v Whitby; Shildon v Bishop's Auckland; Tow Law v Consett; Ferryhill v Crook; Chester-le-Street v Ryhope; Blyth Spartans v Spennymoor.

Third division

Bradford City v Doncaster Rovers
Brentford v Bristol Rovers
Bristol City v Plymouth Argyle
Cambridge United v Bournemouth
Gillingham v Derby County
Newport County v Reading
Orient v Lincoln City
Swansea City v Rotherham United
Walsall v Preston North End
Wigan Athletic v Bolton (11.0)
York City v Burnley

Fourth division

Aldershot v Crewe Alexandra
Blackpool v Rochdale
Bury v Port Vale (3.15)
Chester v Wrexham
Chesterfield v Mansfield (11.30)
Colchester United v Hereford United
Darlington v Tranmere Rovers
Exeter City v Torquay United (11.0)
Halifax Town v Hartlepool United
Northampton v Peterborough
Scunthorpe v Stockport
Southend v Swindon (11.0)

Scottish second division

East Stirlingshire v Queen's Park

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Chorley v Horwich; Goole v Grantham; Macclesfield v Hyde; Matlock v Buxton; Mossley v Witton Albion; Rhyl v Bangor City; Southport v Marine; *South Liverpool v Oswestry*; Stafford v Burton (11.15); Worksop v Gainsborough (11.0).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch v Fisher; Bedworth v A P Leamington (11.00); Cheltenham v Gloucester (11.00); Crawley v Hastings; Fareham v R S Southampton; Folkestone and Shepway v Chelmsford (11.00); Gravesend and Northfleet v Welling (11.15); King's Lynn v Corby; Trowbridge v Witney; Willenhall v Shepshed Charterhouse (11.00).

MIDLAND DIVISION: Aylesbury v Leicester; Bridgnorth v Sutton Coldfield (11.0); Bromsgrove Rovers v Hednesford; Coventry v Moor Green; Forest Green v Dudley (11.15); Redditch v Banbury; Stourbridge v Merthyr Tydfil; Wellingborough v S Rugby.

SOUTHERN DIVISION: Addlestone v Poole; Dorchester v Hillingdon; Dunstable v Cambridge City; Salisbury v Waterlooville; Sheppey United v Erith and Belvedere; Tonbridge v Thanet; Woodford v Canterbury.

UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier Division: Ampthill v Wootton (11.0); Bourne v Stamford (2.15); Brackley v Buckingham (11.0); Potton v Blisdock (10.30); Rothwell v Desborough (11.0); St Neots v Eynesbury.

WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Bideford v Barnstaple; Bristol Manor Farm v Mangotsfield (11.0); Devizes v Chippenham (11.0); Exmouth v Dawlish (10.30); Frome v Melksham (11.0); Liskeard v Saltash; Paulton Rovers v Clandown (10.45); Shepton Mallet v Chard (11.0); Taunton v Minehead; Weston-super-Mare v Clevedon (11.0).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES

Aberavon v Neath
Abertillery v Ebbw Vale
Bath v Clifton
Bedford v Old Paulines
Bridgend v Maesteg
Bristol v Newbridge
Cardiff v Pontypridd (2.15)
Cross Keys v Pontypool
Exeter v Torquay (2.30)
Fylde v Preston Grasshoppers (2.15)
Gala v Melrose (2.15)
Gloucester v Lydney
Gosforth v Northern (2.15)
Hartlepool Rvrs v West Hartlepool (2.15)
Jed-Forest v Hawick (2.15)
Llanelli v London Welsh
London Irish v Old Millhillians (2.30)
Morley v Otley (2.15)
Moseley v Coventry
Newport v Sth Glamorgan Inst
Northampton v Saracens
Redruth v Camborne (2.45)
Rugby v Nuneaton (2.30)
Sale v Broughton Pk (2.45)
Swansea v Glamorgan Wdrs
Vale of Lune v Kendal (2.15)
Waterloo v Birkenhead Pk (2.30)

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Alfreton v Eastwood; Appleby Frodingham v Boston; Belper v Guiseley; Denaby v Bentley Victoria; Emley v Mexborough; Pontefract v Bridlington Trinity.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel v Littlehampton (11.0); Hastings Town v Eastbourne Town (11.0); Horsham YMCA v Three Bridges (11.0); Lancing v Burgess Hill (11.0); Midhurst and Easebourne v Portfield (11.0); Ringmer v Hailsham (11.0); Whitehawk v Peacehaven and Telscombe (11.0).

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Bowers v Canvey Island (11.0); Brightlingsea v Wivenhoe (11.0); Chelmsford v Ford (11.0); Coggeshall v Witham (11.0); East Ham v Eton Manor (11.0); East Thurrock v Brentwood (11.0); Maldon v Halstead (11.0); Stansted v Sawbridgeworth (11.0).

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ash v Farnham (11.0); Cobham v BAe Weybridge (11.0); Cove v Frimley Green (11.0); Fleet v Hartley Wintney (11.0); Godalming v Cranleigh (11.0); Horley v Merstham (11.0); Malden Vale v Malden (11.0); Southwick v Farleigh Virginia Water v Chobham (11.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Barrow v Workington Town (2.30); Featherstone Rovers v Hull (3.30); Halifax v Bradford Northern; Hunslet v Hull K R (3.30); Leeds v Castleford; Leigh v Warrington (3.30); St Helens v Wigan; Widnes v Oldham.

SECOND DIVISION: Batley v Dewsbury (11.0); Blackpool Borough v Rochdale Hornets (11.30); Doncaster v York (11.30); Huddersfield v Keighley (11.0); Mansfield Marksmen v Sheffield Eagles (3.30); Swinton v Salford; Wakefield Trinity v Bramley (11.30); Whitehaven v Carlisle (3.30).

IN BRIEF

Bland keeps his nerve in play-off

Port Elizabeth, South Africa (AP) – John Bland, of South Africa, won a golf tournament here on Saturday with a birdie putt from nine feet in a play-off against fellow countryman Nick Price, who missed his own putt from half the distance. Bland and Price were tied at 277 (11-under-par) after 72 holes on the Humewood Golf Course.

TENNIS: John Lloyd is top seed in the Victoria Men's Open Championship which begins at Kooyoung Stadium in Melbourne. Lloyd will meet either Huub Van Boeckel, runner-up in the South Australian tournament, or Peter McNamara, the Australian Davis Cup player, in the second round.

ICE HOCKEY: Vladislav Tretyak, the Soviet goalkeeper retired from international competition yesterday after a match between Soviet Union and a European selection following the Izvestia tournament. Two other long serving players, Valery Vasilyav and Aleksander Maltsev, retired at the same time. Tretyak, aged 32, won three Olympic gold medals in 1972, 1976 and 1984.

OLYMPIC GAMES: Madagascar will not attend the 1988 Olympic Games if they are held in the South Korean capital of Seoul as planned, the government announced yesterday. Madagascar, which has close relations with North Korea, is the latest of several countries to say they would boycott the Olympics if they were held in Seoul.

FOOTBALL: The French Football Federation (FFF) yesterday elected Jean Fournet-Fayard as its new president, replacing Fernand Sastre.

MOTOR RACING: Plans to postpone Australia's first Formula One grand prix from October 13 to November 3 have caused problems for race organizers. A spokesman said the postponement, requested by the International Auto Sports Federation, would seriously inconvenience many people who had booked accommodation in Adelaide for October 13.

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Exclusion clause rendered ineffective

Phillips Products Ltd v Hyland and Another

Before Lord Justice Slade, Mr Justice Neill and Sir John Megaw

[Judgment delivered December 14]

The Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 applied to a contract for the hire of plant so as to render ineffective a condition excluding the owners' liability for negligence.

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, *dismissed* an appeal by Hamstead Plant Hire Co Ltd, the owners, from an order of Mr Justice Kenneth Jones that they and Mr T. Hyland, the plant operator, pay £3,043 damages and costs to Phillips Products Ltd, the hirers.

Mr John Thompson, who did not appear below, for Hamstead; Mr William Wood for Phillips.

LORD JUSTICE SLADE, delivering the judgment of the court, said that in 1980 Phillips, who were steel stockholders, were carrying out extensions to their factory. They arranged with a builder, Mr Pritchard, that he should do the building work, but they themselves were to be responsible for buying materials and arranging for the provision of plant, so far as necessary. However, they gave Mr Pritchard permission to place an order with Hamstead for the hiring of a JCB excavator.

Mr Pritchard made arrangements by telephone with Hamstead for the hire of a JCB and driver. The first defendant, Mr Hyland, arrived at Phillips' premises with a JCB machine. The judge found as a fact that Mr Hyland made it perfectly plain to Mr Pritchard that he would brook no interference in the way he operated his machine.

During the course of operating the excavator Mr Hyland unfortunately drove it into collision with part of Phillips' buildings and did considerable damage. In consequence, Phillips issued a writ against Mr Hyland and Hamstead claiming damages against both defendants.

It was conceded on behalf of both defendants that he had driven the JCB with less than reasonable care and that the cost of repairing the premises was £3,043. The judge gave judgment for Phillips against him in that sum.

The argument at the trial centred on the liability or otherwise of Hamstead in tort. It was conceded on their behalf that, apart from any special terms in the contract of hire they would have been liable for the negligence of Mr Hyland as their employee, so as to entitle Phillips to judgment against them for the same sum as that awarded against Mr Hyland.

However, it was contended on behalf of Hamstead that condition 8 of their general conditions incorporated in the contract gave them a complete defence to the claim.

That condition provided: "When a driver or operator is supplied by the owner to work the plant, he shall be under the direction and control of the hirer. Such drivers or operators shall for all purposes in connection with their employment in the working of the plant be regarded as the servants for all claims arising in connection with the operation of the plant by the said drivers or operators. The hirer shall not allow any other person to operate such plant without the owner's previous consent to be confirmed in writing."

For Phillips it was submitted that if on its proper construction, the wording of condition 8 was apt to provide such an exemption, the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 would preclude Hamstead from relying on it.

The judge came to the conclusion that that argument was well founded. He therefore found it unnecessary to reach any decision as to the proper construction of condition 8 and gave judgment for Phillips against both defendants in the same sum.

Thus, the sole question which fell to be decided on the appeal was whether or not condition 8 was rendered ineffective as a defence by reason of the 1977 Act.

By section 2 of the 1977 Act: "(1) A person cannot by reference to any contract term ... exclude or restrict his liability for death or personal injury resulting from negligence.

(2) In the case of other loss or damage, a person cannot so exclude or restrict his liability for negligence except in so far as the term or notice satisfies the requirement of reasonableness."

Did the condition, on the evidence and in the context of the contract as a whole, satisfy the "requirement of reasonableness"? The onus fell on Hamstead, under section 11(5), to show that the condition was satisfied and, in accordance with section 11(1) they had to show that it was "a fair and reasonable one to be included, having regard to the circumstances which were, or ought reasonably to have been, known to or in contemplation of the parties when the contract was made".

All the relevant circumstances *were known to both parties at that* time. The task which the judge therefore set himself was to examine all the relevant circumstances and then ask himself whether, on the balance of probabilities, he was satisfied that the condition, in so far as it purported to exclude Hamstead's liability for negligence, was a fair and reasonable term. He came to the conclusion that he was not so satisfied.

The question for the court was not a general question whether or not the condition was valid or invalid in the case of any and every contract of hire entered into between a hirer and a plant owner who used that condition. The question was whether the exclusion of Hamstead's liability for negligence satisfied the requirement of reasonableness imposed by the Act, in relation to the particular contract.

It was necessary to bear in mind, and strive to comply with, the clear and stern injunction issued by Lord Bridge of Harwich, in regard to the issue of reasonableness, in *George Mitchell (Chesterhall) Ltd v Finney Lock Seeds Ltd* ([1983] 2 A C 803, 816): "the appellate court should treat the original decision with the utmost respect and refrain from interference with it unless satisfied that it proceeded upon some erroneous principle or was plainly and obviously wrong."

On the facts and available evidence, their Lordships were unpersuaded that the judge proceeded upon some erroneous principle or was plainly and obviously wrong in his conclusion that Hamstead had not discharged the burden upon them of showing that the condition satisfied the requirement of reasonableness in the context of the particular contract of hire.

Solicitors: Stanleys & Simpson North for Rutherfords, Tamworth; Stephenson Farrow & Hammersley, Brierly Hill.

Planning limit no prohibition from occupation

Westminster City Council v Hailbury Investments Ltd

Before Lord Justice Eveleigh, Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Sir David Cairns

[Judgment delivered December 13]

Planning restrictions limiting to domestic residential occupation the use of a *hereditament which the* ratepayer had formerly used, and wished to continue to use, as offices, did not constitute "action taken by ... any local ... authority with a view to prohibiting the occupation of the hereditament" within the meaning of paragraph 2(b) of Schedule 1 to the General Rate Act 1967, nor was the ratepayer thereby "prohibited by law from occupying the hereditament" within the meaning of paragraph 2(a) thereof.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Westminster City Council from the judgment of Mr Justice Woolf on July 13, 1983 (*The Times* July 18, 1983) and order of December 1, 1983, allowing an appeal by case stated by the ratepayers from the adjudication of Mr Edmund Geoffrey MacDermott, Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, on March 11, 1982, enforcing the payment of rates due in respect of unoccupied hereditaments owned by the ratepayers.

Mr Michael Burke-Gaffney, QC and Mr Clive Newberry for the council; Mr Charles Fay for the ratepayers.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN BROWN, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the ratepayer was liable to continue to pay rates, notwithstanding that the hereditament no longer satisfied its description in the rating list, because the word "hereditament" as defined in section 115(1) of the 1967 Act meant, essentially, a "unit of property", and not a "hereditament occupied for the purposes described in current valuation lists".

The purpose of the description in the valuation list was to provide the basis for valuation, and if the ratepayer was liable to pay higher rates than those applicable for the only purpose for which he could lawfully use the premises, it was always open to him to propose an alteration of the valuation list.

Solicitors: Mr Terence Neville; Asher Fishman & Co.

Judge failed to allow fresh representation

Regina v Harris

Where counsel and solicitors both ceased to act for a defendant during the course of his trial, and the judge both refused to grant the defendant an adjournment to seek fresh representation, and neglected to apply his mind to the provisions of the Legal Aid Act 1974, there was a material irregularity in the trial.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Stephen Brown, Mr Justice Hodgson and Mr Justice Glidewell) so held on December 20, allowing an appeal by Stephen Harris against his conviction of wounding with intent at Chester Crown Court (Judge David) on March 3, 1982.

MR JUSTICE HODGSON said that when the appellant's counsel and solicitors had informed the trial judge that they were no longer able to act, the judge had told the appellant that he would have to represent himself. The judge had not taken any action over the legal aid certificate held by the appellant.

Since that certificate had not been revoked the appellant was still entitled to representation by solicitor and counsel. He had asked for fresh representation and had been refused. It was quite clear that there had been a material irregularity in the trial and that the conviction must be quashed.

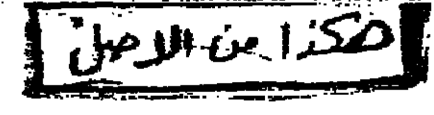
Right of a solicitor to select counsel

Regina v O'Brien and Cliffe

Where two or more defendants were charged under one or more indictments to be tried together, the court making the legal aid orders for trial in the crown court did not have power under the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (General) Regulations (SI 1968 No 1231) to assign the counsel to be instructed by their solicitor and could not fetter the right of the solicitor to select counsel.

Mr Justice Hobhouse so held on December 20 in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing an appeal from the decision of a taxing master disallowing one of two counsel's fees on the basis that the legal aid order did not authorize separate counsel to be instructed for two defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said that any court which construed regulation 14 as giving it the power, when making an order for representation of an assisted person in the crown court by solicitor and counsel, to direct that the same counsel should appear for that person as for another, was mistaken in law and any such order was ultra vires.



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FOOTBALL: VICTORY AT NORWICH ALLOWS TOTTENHAM TO TAKE OVER FROM EVERTON AT THE HEAD OF AN UNOFFICIAL SUPER LEAGUE

Famous five prepare for another round of the monopoly game

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Long before the new season began it was stunningly predictable that one of only five clubs would be crowned as English champions next May. At the half-way stage they lie first, second, third, fourth and eighth and few can now dispute that the so-called Super League has already been formed, albeit unofficially.

Those who doubt that Tottenham Hotspur, Manchester United, Everton, Arsenal and Liverpool are in a league of their own should look at the honours list over the last four years. Between them they have won all the domestic titles except one, the first division that was claimed by Aston Villa in 1981. Including continental trophies, they have collected 25; the rest three.

Their domestic dominence has become so crushing that it would be relevant to question when they might dare to test themselves regularly in a bigger arena. The day of the European Super League, particularly if the EEC decree that the doors of the transfer market should be opened wide, may not be so far away.

Although the Milk Cup has already slipped off their collective shelf of possibilities, they could finish in May with another six pieces of silverware. Liverpool are aiming for the European Cup and the Super Cup, Everton for the Cup Winners' Cup, Tottenham and United for the UEFA Cup and all of them will in a fortnight start on the FA Cup trail.

But the championship, especially as Liverpool's overwhelming superiority has been broken, remains the most attractive prize. Each has an outstanding asset. Tottenham, the new leaders, have the strongest reserves, United the largest support, Everton the best form over the last year; Liverpool the deepest well of experience and Arsenal no foreign commitments to distract them.

United, potentially the most talented of the five, are the favourites. But, as one soothsayer once warned, they should beware the Ides of March, if not the whole month. They rely too heavily on Robson and during that period he will be involved in eight games. Half of them happen to be League fixtures against United's rivals.

As well as leading his club in the two legs against Videoton of Hungary, Robson will also lead his country in the two internationals against Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. As long as he and his colleagues avoid injury and defeat amid that fiercely concentrated pressure, United should claim the title that they have not won for 17 years.

As Tottenham, almost as adventurous and unpredictable, are their most likely challengers, their meeting at White Hart Lane assumes even greater significance. It is set for March 9 but, if either club reaches the sixth round of the FA Cup that day, they could be left with the domestic and a European stage to themselves at the end of the season. Some finale that could prove.

Everton's ability to sustain their run will be stretched over the next 10 weeks during which they will visit both Old Trafford and White Hart Lane. Although their attack has lost Heath, it is their defence that surprisingly is becoming less efficient. After Chelsea's assault on Saturday, they have conceded more goals than the others.

The strength of Arsenal's commitment, often their weakness, is to go through a more immediate examination. Within a month and a half, they are away at Norwich City, Newcastle United, Chelsea and Liverpool, as well as at home to Tottenham. Williams may arrive too late from Southampton to give them the necessary inspiration in midfield.

No one can discount Liverpool. The other contenders refused to do so even at the end of October when the champions spent 24 hours in the bottom three. They have since ominously closed the gap to eight points and have yet to take on Arsenal, Tottenham and United at Anfield. For once, though, they are not in control of the race.

Sir Winston Churchill once said that it is never wise to prophesy until after the event and Saturday's astonishing World Cup result from Tirana, where Albania defeated Belgium 2-0, confirmed his point. Who could have foreseen, for example, that the first division leaders at Christmas three years ago, Swansea City, would now be in danger of falling into the fourth division?

Yet the sport that is becoming increasingly, disturbingly and irrevocably dependant on money will inevitably be controlled by the richest clubs of the land. In spite of the admirable efforts of the likes of Southampton and Nottingham Forest, the odds against the relatively poor clubs are growing so heavy that competition could be described as unhealthy.

Davies' success is Neal's problem

By Vince Wright

Everton	3
Chelsea	4

Finishing of the highest order by Gordon Davies, Chelsea's £90,000 bargain buy from Fulham, knocked Everton off the top of the first division on Saturday and left John Neal, Chelsea's manager, with a problem – albeit one which every manager would like to have.

David Speedie, the forward Davies replaced three matches ago, has completed a suspension and is available for Chelsea's Boxing Day fixture at Queen's Park Rangers. Before his ban Speedie seemed the Chelsea player least likely to be left out but after the events at Goodison Park it will be brave, and possibly foolish, of Neal to recall him.

Three goals at Everton to add to the one against Sheffield Wednesday on his first appearance for Chelsea are proof that Davies has settled in remarkably quickly at Stamford Bridge. On Saturday he even put Dixon, his partner and the first division's leading scorer, in the shade. Thanks to Davies, Chelsea made the maximum use of limited opportunities to record their first away victory this season.

Everton's consolation in losing the leadership was their contribution to an enthralling encounter in the rain. Chelea's goalkeeper, Niedzwiecki, had plenty to do, making important saves from Reid and Sheedy (twice) when Everton's pressure was at its fiercest and two penalties, needlessly conceded by McLaughlin, meant that a point was always within Everton's reach.

Chelsea's progress has been rapid and Nevin is one of the reasons why their future looks rosy. The diminutive winger is forever doing what defenders least expect. He is one of football's entertainers and he provided the game's most memorable moment with a dazzling dribble which led to Chelsea's third goal.

Chelsea took the lead after nine minutes from their first genuine attack. Dixon turned goalmaker to seize an error by Bailey and centred flawlessly for Davies to head in. Everton's 37th minute equalizer was worth the wait. From a throw-in by Stevens, Gray cleverly played Bracewell into space and his shot was irresistable. All that good work was undone four minutes later when Davies scored with a lt-foot shot which Southall should have stopped.

In the second half Pates finished a move he began to put Chelsea 3-1 ahead. Sharp cut the deficit from the penalty spot, only for Davies to restore Chelsea's two-goal advantage by making a difficult chance look ridiculously easy. Sharp's second penalty conversion two minutes from time caused Chelsea's hearts to miss a beat.

EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, J Bailey, K Ratcliffe, D Mountfield, P Reid, T Steven, A gray, G Sharp, P Bracewell, K Sheedy.
CHELSEA: E Niedzwiecki; D Wood, J Jones, C Pates, J McLaughlin, K Jones, P Nevin, N Spackman, K Dixon, G Davies (sub: C Lee), M Thomas.
Referee: T Mills (Barnsley).



Finishing off Everton: Davies makes the most of three chances to knock the Merseysiders off the top of the table at Goodison Park on Saturday.

Brown's lament as Spurs go top

By Nicholas Harling

Norwich City	1
Tottenham Hotspur	2

"Gutted" being the popular word used by football managers to express their worst feelings, it would have seemed particularly aposite at Carrow Road on Saturday. It was there, under Norwich City's main stand, devastated by fire two months ago, that the club's manager Ken Brown described his regret at making the decision which went a long way to costing Norwich their unbeaten home record. It also helped Tottenham Hotspur go top of the first division for the second time this season.

Not that Brown cares who wins the championship, but he did care enough to blame himself about his wrong decision to remove Downs, from the second half. But by then the damage had been inflicted, as the full back had allowed Chiedozie to get in one cross too many. Crooks scoring with a brave, lunging header in the thirty-fifth minute after Stevens had put the winger away. By then Downs was being given what his manager rightly described as "a roasting."

"It's down to me" Brown lamented. "Gregg has not been having too good a time lately and I took a gamble in playing him."

If the worst aspect about Norwich's temporary press box next to a corner flag is the distorted view of play when it is not obscured by the linesman's backside, the best was a terrific close-up of the goal where Crooks scored his classic header.

It was at the same end that Norwich gained the penalty that put them back into the game with 19 minutes left, Falco needlessly handling a cross from Van Wyck – who had come on for Downs. Although Deehan just beat Clemence's dive from the spot, that did not quite atone for his careless square pass nine minutes earlier that presented Galvin with the chance of doubling Spurs' lead swerving his shot round Woods.

Mendham, the Norwich midfield player put one almost wide of an upright, brought a flying save from Clemence with another and hit Gordon, his colleague, with a third.

The Spurs midfield pair Mabbutt and Stevens probably did not have a shot between them but, like last week at Watford, it was their absolute dedication to the task that personified Spurs' commitment, explaining perhaps why their team celebrates Christmas top of the league, pretty though they are not without Hoddle and Ardiles.

NORWICH: C Woods; P Haylock, G Downs (sub: D Van Wyk), S Bruce, P Mendham, D Watson, L Donowa, M Channon, J Deehan, A Hartford, D Gordon.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence; G Stevens, C Hughton, G Roberts, P Miller, S Perryman, J Chiedozie, M Falco, A Galvin, G Mabbutt, G Crooks (sub: M Hazard).
Referee: K S Hackett (Sheffield).

Sunday best crowds for clubs

All five clubs who put Saturday's games back 24 hours to avoid playing on the worst day of the season for attendances, were rewarded with big crowde yesterday. Carlisle and Hereford had their best gates of the season.

Leicester 5 Coventry 1

Leicester hit their first division Midlands rivals for five after trailing to an 18th minute goal by Gynn. But their equalizer, a Lynex penalty, enraged Bobby Gould, the Coventry manager. He had to be warned by a policeman for his touchline protests. The referee, Colin Downey, had ruled that Bowman had fouled Banks, and the goal set Leicester on their way.

Rennie and Lineker gave Leicester a 3–1 lead at half time, and Lineker and Smith completed the rout.

Carlisle 0 Blackburn 1

A 72nd-minute penalty by Fazackerley put Blackburn four points clear at the top of the second division.

Rovers had to thank Gennoe, their goalkeeper, for a fine save from Shoulder to ensure victory. The goal came when Ashurst handled Lowey's shot on the line.

Oldham 2 Barnsley 1

Barnsley's 15-match unbeaten run was halted as Oldham recorded their first win in eight games with first-half goals by Mark Ward and a Mike Quinn penalty.

Barnsley, the second division promotion hopefuls, bounced back in the second half, with Gordon Owen's penalty reducing the arrears, but they had four players booked – Joyce, Futcher, Wylde and Ronson.

Hereford 2 Aldershot 1

Goals by Kearns and Phillips took Hereford back to the top of the fourth division. Aldershot's only consolation was an 86th-minute penalty by McDonald, and a header by McCulloch which hit the post.

Woodcock (Arsenal) looms over Jackett (Watford) during the 1-1 draw at Highbury (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Aberdeen defeat eases Celtic's disappointment

By Hugh Taylor

The race for the Scottish premier division has been thrown open by the defeat at home of Aberdeen, the leaders, who a fortnight ago were firm favourites to retain the championship. Although Celtic, their closest challengers, could earn only a 1-1 draw at Parkhead in yet another fiercely contested match with Rangers, their disappointment was eased when they discovered Aberdeen had lost 1-0 to Dundee United. As a result, Celtic have reduced Aberdeen's four-point lead to three.

A goal by Gough led to Aberdeen's defeat and it ended a run of 25 home victories. Indeed, United were the last away team to win at Pittrodie, 15 months ago. Their victory was never in doubt, for they were sharper and more adventurous, and, if their finishing had been better, they would have been more convincing victors.

Aberdeen, badly missing their international central defender, McLeish, who is injured, even failed with a penalty, but their manager, Alex Ferguson, admitted that his side "never played at all". "It was a particularly bad result for us after beating Celtic so comprehensively two weeks ago. We have now lost that advantage", he said.

Celtic, however, again played like a team beset with worries, still haunted by the fear of severe punishment from UEFA following the crowd trouble at Old Trafford.

Although they started in style, McClair opening the scoring in nine minutes, they faded after the interval. Splendid goalkeeping by Bonner, who saved a penalty taken by Fraser, seemed to have ensured full points for Celtic but, with only five minutes to go, the Republic of Ireland international made his one mistake of the afternoon, pushing a crossed ball straight to the foot of Cooper, who had the easy task of equalizing.

Although they played with distinction, neither Dundee United nor Rangers, who are far behind the leaders, are given much chance of mounting a challenge for the title. But they will have a big say in the destination of the championship. United meet Celtic on Saturday at Parkhead and Rangers play their oldest foes again at Ibrox in the New Year.

Belgium lose to Albania

Tirana (Reuter)–Goals by Josa and Minga gave Albania an unexpected 2-0 victory over Belgium in their World Cup group one qualifying match on Saturday. Albania attacked from the start but were unable to penetrate the Belgian defence until the 69th minute when Josa headed home after the ball had been deflected to him by the goalkeeper Pfaff. Three minutes before the finish Minga ensured Albania's victory when he scored from Kola's centre.

Portsmouth plod home in mud

By Clive White

Portsmouth	2
Oxford United	1

Portsmouth's supporters were not actually full of the Christmas spirit on Saturday when, with 12 minutes to go and trailing to Oxford United, one of their members dressed as Santa Claus wandered on to the Fratton Park pitch as if looking for Rudolph. But Portsmouth later could be heard singing praises to Santa when Biley headed home in the 89th minute and then again in injury time. It was enough to restore one's faith in that elderly, bearded gentleman.

Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manager, is already prepared to believe in such things, and not without some reason. This was the seventh time in their last eight matches that Portsmouth had come from behind to get a result. "I've begun to feel that no one can beat us," he said, a little too excitedly.

What this result did was question your faith in Oxford's ability to go up. The defeat, their eighth consecutive failure to win away from home, pushed them out of the promotion position for the first time this season and lifted Portsmouth into second place. The heavy pitch, though, was not conducive to Oxford's undoubted good footballing principles. Hebbard's touch was wayward, Brock never scampered as we know he can. The striking qualities of Hamilton and Aldridge were not in evidence, and this could be said of most of the forwards. Lawrence looked more lively, but Tait stuck closer to him than the mud.

For some inexplicable reason back passes were more strongly weighted than shots and both goalkeepers were more troubled by their defenders. It took 68 minutes for someone to summon enough strength to force the ball over the goal line and even then the goal owed its creation to the unsubtle wallop of a defender.

From the moment the cross left Langan's blasting boot one had better hope for its arrival some 20 yards on, and sure enough Brock, taking advantage for once of the surface, slid the ball in at the far post.

Portsmouth, mindful of a physical supremacy and their own powers of recovery, kept plodding forward. Biley, dropped recently but a favourite with the Pompey crowd, had received an award from *Roy of the Rovers* newspaper before kick-off and dutifully fulfilled expectations with plonking headers to crosses from Webb and Kennedy. When, with seconds left, Hamilton hit the crossbar it became difficult to separate fact from fiction.

PORTSMOUTH: A Knight; G Stanley, M Tait, K Dillon, N Blake, M Waldron, N Webb, M Kennedy, N Morgan, A Biley, V Hilaire.
OXFORD UNITED: S Hardwick; D Langan, R McDonald, J Trewick, G Briggs, M Shotton, G Lawrance, J Aldridge, W Hamilton, T Hebbard, K Brock.
Referee: M Bodenham (Brighton).

Forest avenge their Milk Cup defeat

By John Dougray

Sunderland	0
Nottingham Forest	2

Sunderland yesterday were not able to complete the double against Nottingham Forest whom they beat in the Milk Cup, even though they had the better of the game territorially. There was some consolation, however, as the attendance of over 21,000 was about 3,000 more than their average home attendance this season.

Forest must have had early fears that Sunderland were going to overrun them as Everton did in their previous league match. In the opening half hour Sunderland launched attacks that might have got goals from Hodgson, Chisholm and West before Forest unexpectedly took the lead in the 38th minute. Wigley made ground on the right and despite the close attentions of Berry, managed to cross the ball to the far post where Hart nodded it down to Davenport who touched it on to Christie. He forced it over the goal-line as Turner dived at his feet.

The second half was largely a repeat of the first, with Sunderland pegging away at the Forest goal without ever suggesting that they knew how to make the decisive breakthrough.

There were impressive performances from Metgod and Bowyer, both of whose great experience steadied Forest at critical moments. And it was fitting that Metgod should play a big part in Forest's second goal which came in the final seconds of a hard match.

Wigley passed to Metgod and then ran on down the right for the Dutchman's return before drawing Turner and scoring from another angle.

SUNDERLAND: C Turner; B Venison, N Pickering, G Bennett, G Chisholm, S Berry, D Hodgson, H Gayle, C West, M Proctor, C Walker.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: H Segers; J McInally, K Swain, C Fairclough, P Hart, I Bowyer, S Wigley, J Metgod, T Christie, P Davenport, S Hodge.
Referee: Seel (Carlisle).

Southampton should continue revival

By Paul Newman

Three months ago it would have been almost unthinkable to consider Southampton as candidates for the first division championship. Lawrie McMenemy's team won only one of their first eight matches and by October they were fifth from the bottom of the table.

How times can change. After their 3-2 victory at West Ham United on Saturday, Southampton are now fifth from the top, having taken 27 points from their last 12 games. They also have an excellent chance to continue their revival over the forthcoming holiday period, with home games against Watford and Sheffield Wednesday and an away match against Leicester City.

What is most remarkable is that Southampton's good fortunes on the pitch have coincided with problems off it. Williams, who wants a transfer, has not played in the last five League games and Wright, his England colleague, missed four matches during his much publicized dispute with McMenemy before returning to the team on Saturday. An own goal by McAlister, the West Ham goalkeeper, helped Southampton on their way before Jordan and Wallace secured the points in the second half.

Manchester United preserved their unbeaten home record with a 3–0 victory over Ipswich Town, thanks to goals by Strachan, Gidman and Robson, but their next three games are likely to provide a better test of their championship credentials. United's away form has been poor recently and in the next week they travel to Stoke City and Chelsea. Sheffield Wednesday, who have caused most of the top sides problems this season, go to Old Trafford on New Year's Day. Wednesday themselves kept up with the chasing group by winning 2–1 at home to Stoke.

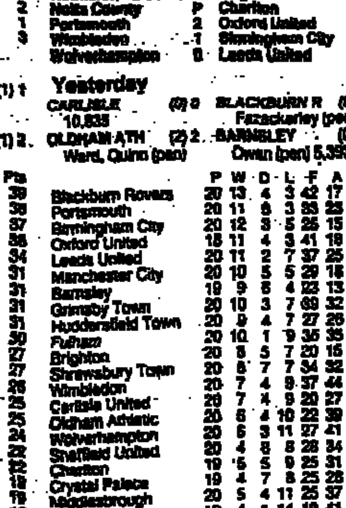
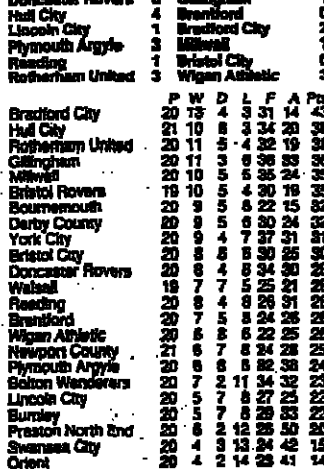
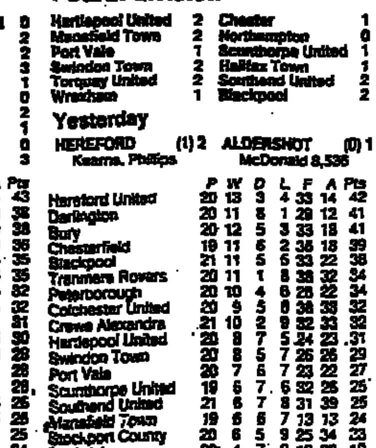
Arsenal wasted a chance to go third by conceding an equalizer five minutes from time at home to Watford. They now face two away games before Tottenham Hotspur, their North London rivals, visit Highbury on New Year's Day. Allinson scored his eighth goal in nine full appearances; Taylor replied.

At the start of the season Aston Villa might have been expected to mount a challenge for the championship but in recent weeks they have struggled badly. Saturday's 4–0 win over Newcastel United, in which Rideout scored three goals, was only their second victory in 11 games. Nescastle have now conceded 28 goals in their 10 away League games and after this latest setback Jack Charlton, their manager, indicated that a more defensive approach is likely to be adopted.

In the second division, Birmingham City kept up with the promotion pace by winning 2-1 at Wimbledon. Geddis, who scored twice at Plough Lane for Barnsley two weeks ago, repeated the feat on his Birmingham debut.

Brooking says no

Trevor Brooking has turned down Dagenham's request to play for them in their FA Cup third round tie at Carlisle. Kevin Keegan, Brooking's former England team colleague, who also retired at the end of last season, has been asked to play as well.

First division

Arsenal	1	Watford	1
Aston Villa	4	Newcastle United	0
Everton	3	Chelsea	4
Manchester United	3	Ipswich Town	0
Norwich City	1	Tottenham	2
Sheffield Wed	2	Stoke City	1
West Ham United	2	Southampton	3

Yesterday

LEICESTER C (3) 5 Lynex (pen), Rennie, Lineker (2), A Smith — COVENTRY C (1) 1 Gynn 16,019
SUNDERLAND (0) 0 21,486 — NOTT'M FOREST (1) 2 Christie, Wigley

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham	20	12	3	5	41	20	39
Manchester United	20	11	5	4	41	24	38
Everton	20	11	4	5	43	27	37
Arsenal	20	11	3	6	38	26	36
Southampton	20	9	7	4	26	21	34
Chelsea	20	8	7	5	35	23	31
Sheffield Wed	20	8	7	5	31	22	31
Liverpool	20	8	7	5	26	19	31
West Bromwich	20	9	4	7	34	29	31
Nottingham Forest	20	9	3	8	31	31	30
Norwich City	20	7	6	7	28	29	27
West Ham United	20	7	6	7	25	28	27
Sunderland	20	7	5	8	27	28	26
Leicester City	20	7	4	9	36	36	25
Newcastle United	20	6	7	7	32	38	25
Aston Villa	20	6	6	8	26	33	24
Watford	20	5	7	8	38	39	22
QPR	20	5	7	8	23	34	22
Ipswich Town	20	4	7	9	19	28	19
Coventry City	20	5	4	11	20	35	19
Luton Town	20	4	6	10	24	40	18
Stoke City	20	1	5	14	15	45	8

INTERNATIONAL (in Istanbul): Turkey 1, Luxembourg 0.
WELSH LEAGUE: National Division: Barry 4, Cwmbran 0; Caerau 0, Port Talbot 2; Ebbw Vale 1, Llanelli 4; Milford 1, Caerleon 2. Premier: Ammanford 3, AFC Cardiff 3; Merthyr 3, BP (Llandarcy) 3, Newport Co 3, Morriston 1; South Glam Inst 2, Pontardawe 0; Tonda 2, Spencer Works 3.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Appleby Frodingham 1, Alfreton T 3; Bentley Vict 0, Arnold 4; Bridlington Trinity 4, Boston F [illegible]; Denaby Utd 1, Emley 0; Guiseley 1, Belper T 2; Mexborough 4, [illegible] 4.
EUROPEAN U-21 CHAMPIONSHIP ([illegible]): Cyprus 1, Netherlands 3.

Second division

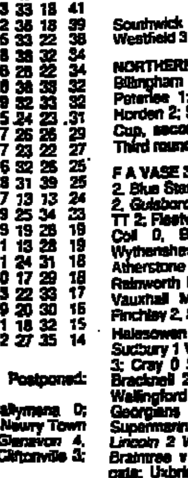
Cardiff City	1	Sheffield United	3
Fulham	3	Manchester City	2
Grimsby Town	3	Middlesbrough	1
Huddersfield Town	1	Brighton	2
Notts County	P	Charlton	P
Portsmouth	2	Oxford United	1
Wimbledon	1	Birmingham City	2
Wolverhampton	0	Leeds United	2

Yesterday

CARLISLE (0) 0 10,835 — BLACKBURN R (0) 1 Fazackerley (pen)
OLDHAM ATH (2) 2 Ward, Quinn (pen) — BARNSLEY (0) 1 Owen (pen) 5,393

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn Rovers	20	13	4	3	42	17	43
Portsmouth	20	11	6	3	33	25	39
Birmingham City	20	12	3	5	26	15	39
Oxford United	18	11	4	3	41	18	37
Leeds United	20	11	2	7	37	25	35
Manchester City	20	10	5	5	29	18	35
Barnsley	19	9	6	4	23	13	33
Grimsby Town	20	10	3	7	39	32	33
Huddersfield Town	20	9	4	7	27	26	31
Fulham	20	10	1	9	35	35	31
Brighton	20	8	5	7	20	16	29
Shrewsbury Town	20	6	7	7	34	32	25
Wimbledon	20	7	4	9	37	44	25
Carlisle United	20	7	4	9	20	27	25
Oldham Athletic	20	6	4	10	22	39	22
Wolverhampton	20	6	3	11	27	41	21
Sheffield United	20	4	8	8	28	34	20
Charlton	19	5	5	9	25	31	20
Crystal Palace	19	4	7	8	25	28	19
Middlesbrough	20	5	4	11	25	37	19
Notts County	19	4	1	14	19	41	13
Cardiff City	20	3	2	15	24	48	11

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton Alb 3, Workington 1; Goole 0, Buxton 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Cup second round, replay: [illegible] 0, [illegible] 2. 1st and 2nd leg Marine 0 Witton Alb 1 (agg 3-1).
IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor 1, Ballymena 0; Coleraine 1, Ards 1; Distillery 1, Portadown 3; Glenavon 4, Carrick Rangers 0; Glentoran 2, Cliftonville 3; Larne 1, Linfield 4.
FA TROPHY, 3rd ROUND: Billericay 1, Bishop's Stortford 2; Bootle 0, Sth Liverpool 0 (aet).
SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier Div: Amersham 3, Hanwell Tn 2; Beckton 1, Redhill 0; Brimsdown Rvrs 2, Swanley Tn 1; Burnham 9,




Third division

Bolton Wanderers	0	Cambridge United	0
Bristol Rovers	4	Swansea City	2
Burnley	1	Walsall	2
Derby County	3	Newport County	3
Doncaster Rovers	0	Gillingham	1
Hull City	4	Brentford	0
Lincoln City	1	Bradford City	2
Plymouth Argyle	3	Millwall	1
Reading	1	Bristol City	0
Rotherham United	3	Wigan Athletic	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford City	20	13	4	3	31	14	43
Hull City	21	10	8	3	34	20	38
Rotherham United	20	11	5	4	32	19	38
Gillingham	20	11	3	6	38	33	36
Millwall	20	10	5	5	35	24	35
Bristol Rovers	19	10	5	4	30	19	35
Bournemouth	20	9	5	6	22	15	32
Derby County	20	9	5	6	30	24	32
York City	20	9	4	7	37	31	31
Bristol City	20	8	6	6	30	25	30
Doncaster Rovers	20	8	4	8	34	30	28
Walsall	19	7	7	5	25	21	28
Reading	20	8	4	8	26	31	28
Brentford	20	7	5	8	24	26	26
Wigan Athletic	20	6	8	6	22	25	26
Newport County	21	6	7	8	24	28	25
Plymouth Argyle	20	6	6	8	22	30	24
Bolton Wanderers	20	7	2	11	34	32	23
Lincoln City	20	5	7	8	27	25	22
Burnley	20	5	7	8	29	33	22
Preston North End	20	6	2	12	26	50	20
Swansea City	20	4	3	13	24	42	15
Orient	20	4	2	14	23	41	14
Cambridge United	20	2	4	14	18	39	10

Brob Barnet 0; Beaconsfield 3, Edgware 1; Corinthian Cas 0, Pennant 3.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier Division: Abingdon Tn 0, Almondsbury Greenway 0; Didcot 0, Abingdon Utd 8; Fairford 2, Thame Utd 2; Hounslow 6, Clanfield 1; Maidenhead 2, Moreton 2; Morris Motors 2, Bicester 2; Wantage 1, Rayners Lane 0.
WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier Div: Bideford 2, Liskeard 0; Bristol City 1, Clandown 0; Clevedon 1, Plymouth 1; Dawlish 1, Barnstaple 2; Frome 0, Mangotsfield 2; Melksham 3, Chard 3; Paulton Rvrs 6, Devizes 0. Postponed: Minehead v Shepton Mallet; Weston-super-Mare v Chippenham.



Fourth division

Hartlepool United	2	Chester	1
Mansfield Town	2	Northampton	0
Port Vale	1	Scunthorpe United	1
Swindon Town	2	Halifax Town	1
Torquay United	2	Southend United	2
Wrexham	1	Blackpool	2

Yesterday

HEREFORD (1) 2 Kearns, Phillips — ALDERSHOT (0) 1 McDonald 8,536

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hereford United	20	13	3	4	33	14	42
Darlington	20	11	8	1	29	12	41
Bury	20	12	5	3	33	18	41
Chesterfield	19	11	6	2	35	18	39
Blackpool	21	11	5	5	33	22	38
Tranmere Rovers	20	11	1	8	38	32	34
Peterborough	20	10	4	6	28	22	34
Colchester United	20	9	5	6	38	38	32
Crewe Alexandra	21	10	2	9	32	33	32
Hartlepool United	20	8	7	5	24	23	31
Swindon Town	20	8	5	7	26	26	29
Port Vale	20	7	6	7	23	22	27
Scunthorpe United	19	6	7	6	32	28	25
Southend United	21	6	7	8	31	39	25
Mansfield Town	19	6	6	7	13	13	24
Stockport County	20	6	5	9	25	34	23
Rochdale	20	4	7	9	19	28	19
Halifax Town	18	6	1	11	13	28	19
Aldershot	19	5	3	11	24	31	18
Torquay United	20	4	6	10	17	29	18
Northampton	20	5	2	13	22	33	17
Exeter City	19	3	7	9	20	30	16
Chester	20	3	6	11	18	32	15
Wrexham	18	4	2	12	27	35	14

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Postponed: Southampton v Arsenal.
IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor 1, Ballymena 0; Coleraine 1, Ards 1; Crusaders 1, Newry Town 2; Distillery 1, Portadown 3; Glenavon 4, Carrick Rangers 0; Glentoran 2, Cliftonville 3; Larne 1, Linfield 4.
FRIENDLY: Feltham 0, Slough 0.
SURREY SENIOR CUP: Fifth qualifying round: Woking 2, Malden Vale 0.
ESSEX SENIOR TROPHY: Third round: East Ham 0, Saffron Walden 3.
COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cranleigh 0 Merstham 1; Farnham 0 Bae (Weybdge) 3; Frimley Gn 1 Ash Utd 4; Godalming 1

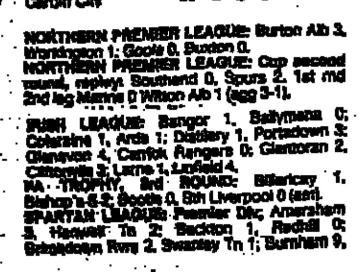
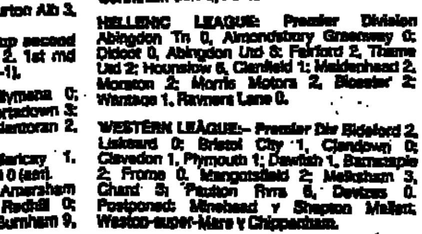


Scottish premier division

Aberdeen	0	Dundee United	1
Celtic	1	Rangers	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	19	15	2	2	42	12	32
Celtic	19	12	5	2	45	17	29
Rangers	19	8	9	2	22	10	25
Dundee United	19	9	4	6	34	22	22
St Mirren	19	8	2	9	23	32	18
Hearts	19	7	2	10	21	33	16
Dumbarton	19	4	6	9	20	25	14
Dundee	19	5	4	10	25	31	14
Hibernian	19	3	5	11	17	34	11
Morton	19	4	1	14	21	54	9

Southwick 1; Virginia Wtr 1 Malden Tn 2; Westfield 3 Cobham 2.
NORTHERN LEAGUE. Division One: Billingham 3, Ferryhill 3; North Shields 2, Peterlee 1; Ryhope 1, Whitby 3; Shildon 0, Horden 2; Spennymoor 0, Tow Law 1. League Cup, second round: Greens 1, South Bank 2. Third round: Crook 1, Durham City 2.
F A VASE 3rd ROUND: Brandon Utd 3, Heswall 2. Blue Star 3, Armthorpe Welfare 1; Ford Mtrs 2, *Guisboro' 0; Chester Le Street 3, Coundon* TT 2; Fleetwood 2, Warrington Tn 0; Easington Coll 0, Bedlington T 2; Buckingham 0, Wythenshaw Amtrs 1; Hucknall CW 1, Atherstone 0; Rushall P 1, Eastwood 0; Rainworth MW 1, Skegness 0; Irthlingboro 1, Vauxhall Mtrs 0; Wisbech 4, Heybridge 2; Finchley 2, Stansted 1.
Halesowen 2 Stamford 1; Bury T 5 Gorleston 0; Sudbury 1 VS Rugby 1; Hazells 0 Berkhamsted 3; Cray 0 Steyning 3; Harefield 1 Marlow 0; Bracknell 2 Collier Row 2 (aet); Cheshunt 3 Wallingford T 0; Exmouth 4 Newport IoW 3; O Georgians 1 Wimborne 0; Sharpness 2 Supermarine 0; Sherwood 0 Torrington 2. *Lincoln 2 Wolverhampton Utd 0. Postponed:* Braintree v Wivenhoe; Egham v Leyton/Wingate; Uxbridge v Eastbourne United; Sholing Sports v Bristol Manor Farm.

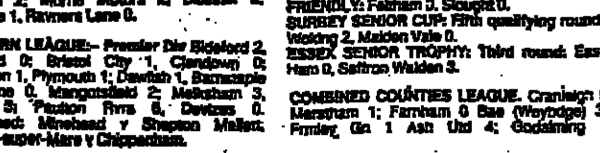
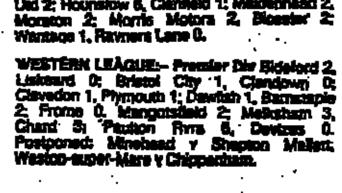



Scottish first division

Airdrieonians	2	Brechin City	2
Clydebank	1	Falkirk	3
East Fife	0	Hamilton	1
Forfar Athletic	4	Ayr United	2
Kilmarnock	2	Clyde	0
Meadowbank	1	St Johnstone	1
Partick Thistle	2	Motherwell	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Airdrieonians	20	11	4	5	37	24	26
Clydebank	20	10	6	4	32	21	26
Falkirk	21	11	2	8	47	42	24
Forfar Athletic	20	8	6	6	37	26	22
Hamilton	20	9	4	7	25	25	22
Motherwell	20	9	3	8	32	28	21
Clyde	20	7	7	6	32	29	21
Brechin City	20	8	4	8	28	29	20
East Fife	20	5	8	7	30	28	18
Ayr United	20	6	6	8	26	31	18
St Johnstone	20	7	3	10	33	37	17
Kilmarnock	20	6	4	10	19	37	16
Meadowbank	21	4	7	10	28	38	15
Partick Thistle	20	5	5	10	23	35	15

SCOTTISH RESERVES. Dundee 2, Dumbarton 0.
DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Bishop Auckland 5, Seaham 2; Wingate 3, Consett 2.
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Brantham 1, Yarmouth 1; Chatteris 4, Haverhill 1; Ely 2, Colchester 1; Histon 1, Lowestoft 1; Felixstowe 3, Thetford 1. Postponed: Tiptree v Soham.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Burscough 5, Lancaster City 1; Caernarfon Town 2, Radcliffe Borough 1; Congleton Town 2, Accrington Stanley 0; Curzon Ashton 4, Prescot Cables 1; Formby 1, Leek Town 1; Penrith 1, Glossop 3; St Helens Town 2, Leyland Motors 0; Stalybridge Celtic 3, Winsford United 2.
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: First division: Bradfieldians 1, Reptonians 0; Salopians 4, Harrowians 2; Wellingburians 3, Citizens 1; Wykehamists 3, Ardinians 0.

Scottish second division

Dunfermline	1	Montrose	1
East Stirling	2	Stirling Albion	2
Queen of South	3	Albion Rovers	2
Queen's Park	1	Berwick	0
Raith Rovers	0	Cowdenbeath	3
Stenhousemuir	0	Alloa Athletic	3
Stranraer	7	Arbroath	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alloa Athletic	19	11	5	3	34	15	27
Montrose	19	12	3	4	26	20	27
Dunfermline	19	10	6	3	32	16	26
Cowdenbeath	18	8	4	7	35	25	20
Stranraer	18	9	2	7	31	27	20
Stenhousemuir	19	7	6	6	23	27	20
Raith Rovers	19	7	5	7	29	28	19
Stirling Albion	19	5	8	6	29	23	18
Berwick	19	5	7	7	21	20	17
Queen of South	19	5	6	8	26	29	16
Queen's Park	19	6	3	10	25	32	15
Albion Rovers	17	6	1	10	18	35	13
East Stirling	18	2	8	8	19	29	12
Arbroath	19	4	4	11	16	39	12

UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bourne 2, Desborough 3; Eynesbury 2, Long Buckby 4; Holbeach 0, Brackley 4; Newport Pagnell 0, Baldock 1; Potton 3, *Rothwell 4; Stotfold 3*, St Neots 1; Wootton 1, Arlesey 1. Postponed: Raunds v Ampthill.
SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel 2, Wick 1; Eastbourne Town 2, Peacehaven 3; Hastings Town 1, Burgess Hill 2; Lancing 1, Whitehawk 2; Littlehampton 2, Hailsham 1; Midhurst 1, Horsham YMCA 3; Ringmer 0, Three Bridges 0.
WORLD CUP: Group one: Albania 2, Belgium 0.
Group five: Cyprus 0, Netherlands 1.
EUROPEAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group five: Cyprus 1, Netherlands 3.

Yesterday

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: President Cup, First round, Second leg: Macclesfield 3, Horwich 1 (Agg: 4-3).

European leagues

DUTCH: No matches.
GREEK: Doxa Drama 1, Olympiakos 0; Larissa 3, Apollon 1; PAOK 2, Pierikos 1; Ofi Crete 3, Panachaiki 1; Panionios 1, Iraklis 0; Panathinaikos 2, Aegaleo 0; AEK 4, Ethnikos 1; Kalamaria 0, Aris 1.
ITALIAN: Ascoli 0, AC Milan 1; Atalanta 0, Torino 0; Avellino 1, Lazio 0; Como 0, Verona 0; Internazionale 2, Sampdoria 0; Juventus 2, Napoli 0; Roma 3, Cremonese 2; Udinese 2, Fiorentina 2.
Leading positions: Verona, 21 points; 2, Torino, 19; 3, Internazionale, 19.
PORTUGUESE: Sporting Lisbon 1, Benfica 0; Braga 2, Porto 3; Portimonense 3, Farense 1; Belenenses 2, Boavista 2; Vizela 1, Rio Ave 0; Salgueiros 0, Academica 1; Varzim 0, Guimaraes 0; Penafiel 1, Setubal 1. Leading positions: 1, Porto, 25 points; 2, Sporting Lisbon, 23; 3, Portimonense, 20.
SPANISH: Real Valladolid 2, Sevilla 3; Sporting Gijon 1, Athletic Bilbao 1; Barcelona 2, Racing Santander 0; Hercules Alicante 2, Real Madrid 2; Valencia 4, Real Zaragoza 1; Atletico Madrid 1, Elche 0; Real Murcia 1, Espanol 0; Real Betis 0, Malaga 1; Real Sociedad 0, Osasuna 2. Leading positions: 1, Barcelona, 27 points; 2, Real Madrid, 22; 3, Valencia, 20.
TURKISH: Fenerbahce 2, Orduspor 2; Sakaryaspor 1, Zonguldakspor 0; Galatasaray 2, Genclerbirligi 1; Ankaragucu 1, Antalyaspor 1; Denizlispor 3, Kocaelispor 1; Malatyaspor 2, Altay 0; Eskisehirspor 0, Trabzonspor 0; Bursaspor 2, Besiktas 2; Boluspor 0, Sariyer 0.
WEST GERMAN: Waldhof Mannheim 1, Cologne 2. Leading positions: 1, Bayern Munich, 25 points; 2, Werder Bremen, 23; 3, Cologne 22. Cup, third round: Hanover 96 1, Schalke 04 0; Alemania Aachen 0, Borussia Mönchengladbach 2; Stuttgart 0, Saarbrucken 0 (aet); Geislingen 0, Bayer Uerdingen 2; Eintracht Haiger 0, Union Solingen 8.

1-3	2-1	3-1½	4-1	5-1½	6-1	7-1½	8-1½	9-1	10-1½	11-1½	12-1	13-1½	14-1½	15-2	16-1	17-1½	18-3	19-1½	20-1	21-1½	22-1	23-3	24-1	25-1	26-3	27-1	28-3	29-1½	30-1½	31-3	32-2	33-1	34-1	35-1	36-1	37-1	38-1½	39-1	40-3	41-1½	42-3	43-1½	44-1½	45-1	46-1	47-3	48-1	49-3	50-3	51-1	52-1	53-1½	54-1½	55-1

RUGBY UNION

England facing a captaincy problem for Romania game

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Two members of the England team who lost to Australia last month have been omitted because of injuries from the squad of 32 from which the team to play Romania at Twickenham on January 5 will be chosen. Melville, the captain, and Mills (hooker) must be replaced, their likely deputies being Hill, the Bath scrum half, and Brain (Coventry), who replaced Mills during the Australian international.

The squad will train at Stourbridge next Sunday and the team will be announced after the South and South-West Division have played the Romanians (who have lost two of their three warm-up games in France) at Gloucester on New Year's Day. There remains no place for Blakeway, the Gloucester prop, who has had little opportunity to prove his fitness after a troublesome rib injury.

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The most interesting additions to the squad – though they have attended training already – are Goodwin, the Moseley wing, Mantell, Nottingham's captain and lock, and Spurrell, the combative Bath flanker. Of that trio only Mantell has been capped previously – against Australia on tour in 1975 – and he has displayed excellent form for his club and for Notts, Lincs and Derby, who have reached the final of the county championship.

The selectors have been unable to include Cusani, the Orrell lock, who toured South Africa last summer. He has been recovering from a cartilage operation and hopes to be playing next month. The second row may be one of the areas most under review, though the youthful Redman, who struggled in his first international last month, may deserve the encouragement of another try. He did not perform badly for his club against Pontypool on Saturday.

Martin, the Bath full back, has moved ahead of Rose in the rankings. Goodwin's consistently attacking game for Moseley makes him a forceful challenger to Underwood, and Simms, after a fine University match, would make an admirable foil for a player such as Lozowski or Dodge.

The other decision to exercise the selectors after choosing their side will be the captaincy. The most experienced players in the squad are Dodge, Carleton and Pearce, but their leadership experience is limited and not all are certain of their places. Whoever is chosen will be England's fourth captain in a year, following Wheeler, Scott and Melville.

SQUAD: N Stringer (Wasps), C Martin (Bath); S Smith (Wasps), J Carleton (Orrell), R Underwood (RAF and Leicester), J Goodwin (Moseley), B Barley (Wakefield), J Salmon (Harlequins), K Simms (Cambridge University), R Lozowski (Wasps), P Dodge (Leicester); S Barnes (Bristol); R Andrew (Cambridge University), R Hill (Bath), R Harding (Bristol); G Chilcott (Bath), J Doubleday (Bristol), G Pearce (Northampton), A Sheppard (Bristol), S Brain (Coventry), A Simpson (Sale), J Hall (Bath), M Teague (Gloucester), G Rees (Nottingham), D Cooke (Harlequins), R Spurrel (Bath), J Syddall (Waterloo), N Mantell (Nottingham), N Redman (Bath), V Cannon (Northampton), C Butcher (Harlequins), R Hesford (Bristol).

WEEKEND RESULTS

Representative match
Edinburgh 22, Anglo Scots 13; Glasgow 13 North and Midlands 14

CLUB MATCHES
Bath 7, Sale 25; Bedford 9, Orrell 40; Boroughmuir 25, Heriot's FP 6; Cardiff 34, Bridgend 13; Coventry 23, Rosslyn Park 9; Edinburgh Wdrs 13, Edinburgh Acads 13; Fylde 0, Sheffield 24; Glamorgan Wdrs 7, Bristol 11; Glasgow Acads 18, Highland 17; Gloucester 6, Newport 6; Haddington 24, Stewarts/Mel FP 4; Hawick 44, Langholm 19; Headingley 3, Wakefield 0; Huddersfield 0, Morley 28; Jed Forest 7, Melrose 7; Jordanhill 0 West of Scotland 48; Kelso 12, Gala 19; Liverpool 18, Birkenhead Pk 3; Llanelli 63, Sth Wales Police 14; London Welsh 25, Leicester 17; Lydney 6, Cross Keys 0; Maesteg 8, Aberavon 3; Middlesbrough 30, Gosforth 12; Moseley 25, Ebbw Vale 10; Neath 22, Plymouth Albion 0; New Brighton 13, Hartlepool Rovers 9; Northampton 19, Nuneaton 6; Nottingham 47, Rugby 7; Penarth 6, Newbridge 30; Pontypool 18, Bath 10; Richmond 13, Harlequins 6; Roundhay 0, Harrogate 3; Saracens 38, Exeter 0; Swansea 32, Abertillery 3; Vale of Lune 15, Broughton Pk 3; Wasps 37, Blackheath 16; West Hartlepool 30, Hull and Er 9.

NORTHERN: Ashton-on-Mersey 11, Sedgley Park 15; Blackburn 16, Mold 12; Bowdon 14, Tyldesley 16; Bradford and Bingley 0, Waterloo 19; Bury 3, Newton-le-Willows 9; Furness 3, Kendal 14; Halifax 6, Ripon 9; Keswick 0, Workington 24; Leigh 6, Wigan 12; Morpeth 19, Northern 13; Preston Grasshoppers 12, Stoke-on-Trent 9; Rochdale 0, Crossleyans 18; St Helens 9, Keighley 7; Sefton 15, Wallasey 6; Skipton 13, Selkdon 19; Warrington 12, Oldham 13; West Park 20, Widnes 17; Wirral 8, Southport 4; Wrexham 3, Lichfield 3.

BASS MERIT TABLE: Avon/Somerset Police 12, Bridgwater 26.
CORNWALL MERIT RABLE: Hayle 0, Camborne 10; Newquay 28, Falmouth 0; St Ives 9, Redruth 3.
SOUTH WEST: Barnstaple 4, Weston-super-Mare 10; Bideford 24, St Austell 14; Launceston 16, Brixham 10; Crediton 25, Dorchester 9; Penryn 10, Devon/Cornwall Police 10; Penzance-Newlyn 11, Bodmin 3; Sidmouth 6, Taunton 19; Yeovil 10, Teignmouth 3; Oakhampton 16, Truro 9; Newton Abbot 0, Plymouth Extras 24.
IRISH TEAM TRIAL: Whites (prob) 26, Blues (poss) 17.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Wales 12, New Zealand 9; Cornwall U-18 15, Rondesbosch (Cape Town) 29; St Olave's 10, Lomagundi College (Zimbabwe) 8.
SOUTH EAST: Guildford and Godalming 9, Esher 9; Streatham/Croydon 0, Birmingham 20.
SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Havant 0, Salisbury 22.
EASTERN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Barking 24, Chingford 11; Chelmsford 25, Rochford Hundred 0; Sudbury 32, Ipswich 3.
NORFOLK LEAGE: Norwich Lions 31, Diss 10; West Norfolk 17, Wymondham 3.
O.B. MERIT TABLE: Old Dunstonians 0, Old Brocklelans 15; O.M.T. 9, Old Haberdashers 11; Old Reedonians 3, Old Surbitonians 14; Old Tiffinians 10, Old Hamptonians 13.
SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL: France 29, Scotland 3.

HOCKEY

Roses give Slough aroma of victory

By Sydney Friskin

Slough again underlined their superiority at the indoor game by winning the international club tournament, sponsored by West 'n' Welsh at the Southwold Sports Centre, Yate, near Bristol yesterday. *In the final they defeated the* England team, playing as the Roses, by 12-8.

The same teams had met in the final last year when Slough won 7-5. Nicholson put Roses ahead within 30 seconds. Roses then built a 4-1 lead which they failed to hold and Slough recovered to lead 5-4 until a splendid goal by Nick Clark sent the teams into the interval on level terms at 5-5.

In the second half the brilliance of Khehar, who ran through on his own to put Slough 7-5 ahead, turned the match in their favour. They led 12-6 before a late revival by Roses enabled them to reduce the margin.

Scorers for Slough were Khehar (5), Manjit Flora (3), Mazim (2), Bal Saini and Davatwal. Roses: Nick Clark (3), Nicholson (2), Halliday, Richard Clark and Grimley.

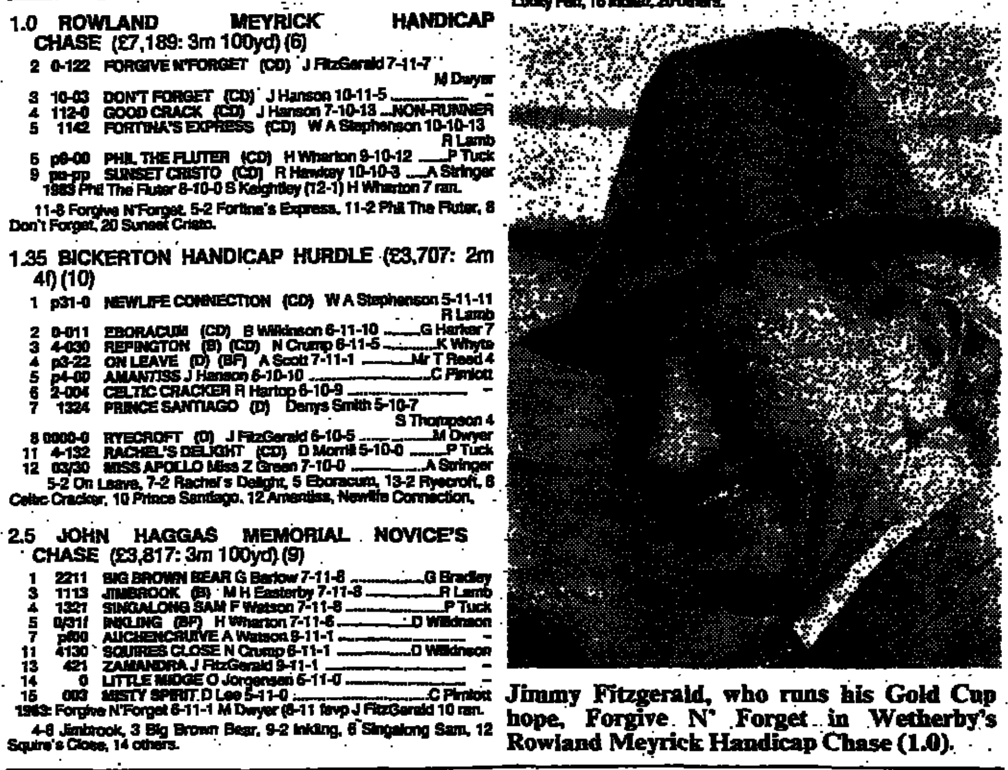
After a 6-5 defeat by Firebrands on Friday night Roses on Saturday defeated the Welsh Dragons 4-2, Monkstown 8-3 and Tulse Hill 7-2, to finish second in group B. They defeated Menzieshill, of Scotland, 4-3 in the semi-finals, Richard Clarke scoring three goals and Lawson one. For Menzieshill Golden (2) and McPherson scored. Menzieshill, it seemed, had taken a lot out of themselves when they beat Slough 8-7 in the group match on Saturday.

Slough recovered from an early setback yesterday morning to beat Firebrands 11-5 in the other semi-final match. Khehar scored five goals (two from penalty strokes) for Slough.

Monkstown, from the Republic of Ireland, had a dramatic 6-5 win over Gloucester yesterday, O'Driscoll scoring the winner with the last shot of the match to earn a play-off for fifth place against Koalas from New South Wales. Monkstown snatched a 5-4 victory over the Australians, O'Driscoll again scoring the winner.

RESULTS: Saturday: Group A: Menzieshill 8, Koalas (NSW) 6; Slough 8, Gloucester 0; Beckenham 4, Menzieshill 11; Gloucester 0, Koalas 11; Slough 7, Menzieshill 8; Beckenham 3, Koalas 4. Group B: Roses 4, Dragons 2; Tulse Hill 4, Firebrands 9; Monkstown 3, Roses 8; Firebrands 5, Dragons 4; Tulse Hill 2, Roses 7; Monkstown 4, Dragons 10. For ninth place Tulse Hill 5, Beckenham 3. 7th Dragons 10, Gloucester 4; 5th: Monkstown 5, Koalas 4; 3rd: Menzieshill 8, Firebrands 3; Final: Slough 12, Roses 8.

CRICKET



Richards back in the swing: he was finally out, for 208, to a boundary catch after rescuing the West Indies with a typical attacking innings.

Safety fears hit England practice day

Calcutta (Reuter) – England's players were warned yesterday that their safety could not be guaranteed if they practised during India's general election, which starts today. The team, who play a one-day international at Cuttack on Thursday and start the third Test in Calcutta next Monday, had planned a four-hour workout today at Eden Gardens, the Test ground. But the Calcutta Police Commissioner, B. K. Saha, said he could not spare police to protect the England squad.

"For us, the election is the most important thing. We cannot foresee what problems we have to face," he said. Abot 15,000 armed police and paramilitary troops have been deployed throughout India's largest city to head off any trouble at the polling booths.

Tony Brown, England's manager, said the team had not been told they could not practise, only that they could not be given protection. He said they were looking for an alternative venue and would go ahead with the practice if he was fully satisfied with security.

The planned practice was especially important for Jonathan Agnew, who arrived here three days ago.

Meanwhile, posters have appeared in this cricket-loving city demanding the reinstatement of the all-rounder, Kapil Dev, in the Indian squad for the Cuttack match and the Calcutta Test. The Indian Cricket Board has summoned Kapil Dev and the captain Sunil Gavaskar, to a meeting in Nagpur tomorrow to try to defuse the row between the two players that was reported to have led to Kapil Dev's omission from the team.

Richards the rescuer with double century

Melbourne (Reuter) – Vivian Richards made an outstanding return to form with a superb 208 which sealed the West Indies' recovery in the fourth Test against Australia here yesterday. Richards helped to lift the West Indies team who had slumped to 154 for five at one stage to 479 all out in their first innings. Australia were 115 for one in reply at the close of the second day.

Richards who was 82 overnight, was *given staunch support by fast* bowlers Malcolm Marshall, Joel Garner and Courtney Walsh as West Indies' revival was aided by further fielding lapses. Australia, who missed a spate of chances while losing the first three Tests in the five-match series, dropped three catches – Richards on 187, Garner and Walsh all escaped.

Richards and Marshall, who struck 55, sustained the recovery by extending their seventh wicket stand to 139. Rodney Hogg broke the partnership and followed up by *holding a fine return catch to* dismiss Roger Harper for five. But Australia were further frustrated as Garner made eight in 63 minutes and helped Richards to put on 50 for the ninth wicket.

Geoff Lawson had Garner leg-before, and West Indies fightback was completed by a last wicket stand of 53 between Richards and Walsh, whose unbeaten 18 included two sixes. Matthews captured Richards' wicket shortly after he completed his third Test double century.

Earlier, Craig McDermott, the teenage fast bowler made a notable Test debut when he dismissed three West Indians for one run in seven balls. McDermott, aged 19, removed Richardson, Gomes and Dujon to reduce the West Indies from 153 for two to 154 for five, before Richards took command.

When Australia started their reply, Garner struck an early blow by trapping Graeme Wood leg-before for 12, but Andrew Hilditch and Kepler Wessels repaired the damage in an unbroken stand of 77. Hildich played confidently on his Test recall after a five-year absence, finishing unbeaten on 46.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

C G Greenidge c Bennett b Lawson	10
D L Haynes c Border b Lawson	13
R B Richardson b McDermott	51
I V A Richards c Hughes b Matthews	208
†P J Dujon b McDermott	0
*C H Lloyd c Lawson b Matthews	19
M D Marshall c Ritxon b Hogg	55
R A Harper c and b Hogg	5
J Gardner l-b-w b Lawson	8
C A Walsh not out	18
Extras (b1, l-b 11, n-b 12)	00
Total	479

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-30, 3-153, 4-154, 5-154, 6-223, 7-362, 8-376, 9-426, 10-479.

BOWLING: Lawson 37-9-108-3, Hogg 27-2-96-2, McDermott 27-2-118-3, Bennett 20-0-78-0, Matthews 14.3-2-67-2.

Australia: First Innings

E M Wood l-b-w b Garner	12
A M J Hilditch not out	46
K C Wessels not out	44
Extras (l-b 2, n-b 10, w 1)	13
Total (1 wkt)	115

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38. *A R Border, K J Hughes, G R J Matthews, M J Bennett, S J Ritxon, C J McDermott, G F Lawson and R M Hogg to bat.

BOWLING: (To date): Marshal 6-12-23-0, Garner 6-2-29-1, Walsh 8-1-31-0, Harper 7-1-30-0.

In with a chance

Adelaide (Reuter) – Middle order batswomen Chris Watmough and June Edney improved England's slim chance of winning the second women's Test match against Australia by putting on 83 for the *sixth wicket here yesterday. At the* close of the third day England were 279 for eight in their second innings.
England 91 and 279 for eight (C Watmough 70, J Edney 50; L Fullston 4-67). Australia 262.

Javed is captain again

Lahore (Reuter) – Javed Miandad has been reinstated as Pakistan captain for the tours to New Zealand and Australia, beginning next month.

The one surprise is the inclusion of a former captain, Zaheer Abbas, who had said he would be unavailable after leading Pakistan to a 2-0 victory over New Zealand in the home series this month.

Javed stood down in 1982 after fierce opposition from several leading Pakistani cricketers, including the former captains, Imran Khan and Zaheer. The Pakistan board acting secretary, Rafi Nasim, said Javed was appointed captain for 1985, which also included a series against Sri Lanka.

He said that, Imran was expected to join the team for the seven-nation one-day series in Australia in February.

SQUAD: Javed Miandad (captain), Mudassar Nazar, Zaheer Abbas, Wasim Raja, Salim Malik, Shoaib Mohammad, Mohsin Khan, Qasim Omar, Iqbal Qasim, Abdul Qadir, Anil Dalpat, Rameez Raja, Tahir Naqqash, Azeem Hafeez, Mohson Kamal, Wasim Akram.

BASKETBALL

Solent lose top place to Kingston

By Nicholas Harling

Kingcraft Kingston relieved Sperrings Solent Stars of the National League leadership at Tolsworth last night by winning 109-101 to go top of the first division for the first time in their history. Solent were again *without John Johnson and Dan* Callandrillo, their two outstanding players who are making a protest at the club's financial position.

With Solent in the hands of the receiver, Callandrillo is believed to have flown back to the United States, *while* Johnson's attendance at yesterday's game led to conjecture that he might actually be joining Kingson, particularly as he an old friend of Steve Bontrager, Kingson's player/coach.

Bontrager, exerted his usual decisive influence on the outcome just when it looked that Solent's depleted team might avoid a second defeat against their championship rivals within four days. Four times in the space of a minute just before half-time, Bontrager sank three-pointers to put Kingston in control of the game that they never, thereafter, looked like losing.

Kingston, too, were without a key player, Dan Davis, their injured centre, and employed a press almost throughout with great success. Clark, who took over as centre, finished with 38 points nine more than Bontrager, who took himself off when Kingston led by 26 points with seven minutes left.

Kingston's former England forward Paul Richards, has rejoined them in time for the World Invitation Club Championships beginning at Crystal Palace on Thursday.

FOR THE RECORD

LACROSSE
NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle 24, Timperley 0; Heaton Mersey 8, Old Hulmeians 9; Mellor 12, Old Stopfordians 4; Old Waconians 15, Sheffield University 13; Sale, South Manchester & Wythenshawe 11; Stockport 15, Sheffield 6.
SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Beckenham 12, Hillcroft 8; Purley 11, Chipstead 11.

CRICKET
SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Hobart: Tasmania 188 for 3 dec and 198 (R Hyatt 50, I Carmichael 3 for 32); South Australia 205 for 2 dec and 180 for 8 (G Bishop 60, P Patterson 5 for 67). South Australia won by 2 wickets. Perth: Victoria 405 and 231 for 6 dec (S O'Donnell 129 not out, F Clough 4 for 59); Western Australia 280 and 245 for 9 (G Marsh 143 not out, R Bright 3 for 56, M Hughes 3 for 63). Match drawn.

TABLE TENNIS
NEW DELHI: Asian Cup: men's singles final: Hui Jun (China) bt Cai Zhenhua (China) 21-18, 19-21, 21-14, 21-18. Women's singles final: Tong Ling (China) bt Hi Xiulian (China), 19-21, 21-12, 21-15, 21-15.

ATHLETICS
CHIGWELL ROW: Ilford Open 10 km road walk: 1, R Mills (Ilford) 45min 51sec; 2, A James (Enfield) 47:8; 3, J Markham (Woodford Green) 47:55. Team: 1, Ilford 19 pts; 2, Enfield 21; 3, Belgrave 23. Women: J Barrett (Verlea) 50min 2sec.

HOCKEY
LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division Blackheath 4, Richmond 3. League: Cheam 0 Spencer3; Dulwich 3, Surbiton 0; Hounslow 3 Old Kingstonians 0; Maidenhead 0, Wimbledon 0; Purley 0, Bromley 2; Reading 1, Teddington 3; Southgate 6, Hawks 0.
EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ford 2 Ipswich 0.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Suffolk 1, RAF 1.

ICE HOCKEY
HELSINKI: Junior championships: Soviet Union 10, Poland 0; Czechoslovakia 9, United States 1.
UNITED STATES: NHL: Friday: New York Islanders 1, Hartford Whalers 0; Pittsburgh Penguins 4, Philadelphia Flyers 2; Chicago Black Hawks 4, Toronto Maple Leafs 3; Vancouver Canucks 3, Edmonton Oilers 1. Saturday: New York Islanders 5, Pittsburgh Penguins 2; Minnesota North Stars 5, Detroit Red Wings 4; New York Rangers 5, New Jersey Devils 3; Quebec Nordiques 3, Buffalo Sabres 1; Washington Capitals 7, St Louis Blues 5; Edmonton Oilers 7, Calgary Flames 1; Montreal Canadiens 10, Hartford Whalers 5; Toronto Maple Leafs 8, Boston Burins 4; Winnipeg Jets 6, Los Angeles Kings 2.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL
UNITED STATES: NFL: Play-off:Seattle Seahawks 13, Los Angeles Raiders 7.

TENNIS
ADELAIDE: South Australian Open: Semi-finals: H Van Boeckel (Neth) bt M Bauer (US), 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; P Doohan (Aus) bt J Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-4, 6-4. Final: Doohan bt Boeckel, 7-6, 6-1, 6-4. Doubles final: B Dyke and W Masur (Aus) bt B Levine (US) and Doohan, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1
MIAMI BEACH: Orange Bowl junior championships: Boys' under-16: semi-final (US unless stated): G P Roiden (Arg) bt D Wager 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; H Skopf (Austria) bt A Bavelas (Gr) 6-1, 6-2. Final: Skopf bt Roiden 6-1, 6-4. Girls' under-16: semi-finals: M J Fernandez bt S Sloan 6-1, 6-0; P Tarabini (Arg) w.o A Schwartz. Boys' under-18: quarter-finals: L Jensen bt A Moreno (Mex) 6-1, 6-0; J Berger bt M Tauson (Den) 6-4, 6-0; C Pistolesi (It) bt L Lavalle (Mex) 6-3, 7-6; R Brown bt B Cresar (Yugo) 6-3, 6-3. Girls' under-18: quarter-finals: G Sabatini (Arg) bt S Foltz 6-0, 6-1; N Diaz (Br) bt L Garrone (It) 6-2, 6-4; M Paz (Arg) bt N Bykova (USSR) 6-4, 6-4; K Maleeva (Bul) bt F Bonsignori (It) 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.

BASKETBALL
NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham 93 (Pyatt 31, Dixon 26, Hunt 11), Sunderland 116 (Haefner 29, Gundmondsson 22, Kocher 21); Bolton 86 (Crosby 33), Warrington and Liverpool Vikings 107 (Irish 17); Worthing 95 (Cunningham 29, Jenkins 19, Evans 14), Crystal Palace 93 (Seaman 30, Bett 17, Jeremiah 15); Telford 69 (Shackleford 32), Manchester 86 (Brookins 22, Garner 16); Leicester 108 (Waldron 38, Vaughan 27, Brown 19), Hemel/Watford Royals (Lloyd 29, Balogun 19, Sewell 14), Kingston 119 Clark 38, Bontrager 29, Lloyd 20), Solent Stars 101 (Robinson 32, Watson 22, Griffiths 18). Second division: Derby 72, Calderdale Explorers 71; Sandwell 63, Stoke 95; Swindon Rakers 76, Nottingham 68; Nottingham 71, Tower Hamlets 89; Tyneside 104, Camden 77; Colchester 88, Swindon Rakers 87. First division (women): Worthing Wasps 46, Northampton 77; Nottingham 81, Sheffield Hatters 63. Postponed: Bolton v Crystal Palace.
UNITED STATES (NBA): Friday: Milwaukee Bucks 104, Philadelphia 76ers 101; Washington Bullets 125, New York Knicks 111; Boston Celtics 117, Indiana Pacers 107; San Antonio Spurs 122, New Jersey Nets 116; Denver Nuggets 116, Dallas Mavericks 93; Los Angeles Lakers 119, Phoenix Suns 105; Golden State Warriors 94, Seattle Supersonics 1. Saturday: Atlanta Hawks 119, Washington Bullets 101; Cleveland Cavaliers 105, Indiana Pacers 103; Philadelphia 76ers 107, New Jersey Nets 93; Chicago Bulls 110, Boston Celtics 85; Houston Rockets 125, Denver Nuggets 107; Kansas City Kings 129, Detroit Pistons 123; Milwaukee Bucks 101, San Antonio Spurs 90; Phoenix Suns 110, Portland Trail Blazers 108; Dallas Mavericks 113, Utah Jazz 95.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Dewsbury fail gloriously

By Keith Macklin

Humberside and Yorkshire will contest the semi-finals of the John Player Special Trophy with the draw taking place today on breakfast television. The surprising result of the quarter-finals was provided by Halifax, who tackled St Helens out of their normal flowing stride, snuffled out the burly Australian centre Meninga, and won 14-8. *Halifax were leading 8-6 near the* end when their player-coach, Chris Anderson, took a quick tap from a penalty and sent over Agar before the St Helens defence could gather.

All the superlatives that have recently been heaped upon the revived second division side, Dewsbury, were justified even in defeat against Hull at Crown Flatt. Dewsbury tackeled magnificantly despite losing 22-8, the margin of defeat being exaggerated by two gift tries after the young Dewsbury half back, Keyworth, had lost possession. Dewsbury constantly threw the ball about and consequently made errors to let Hull off the hook.

In the end class told and tries came from O'Hara, Muggleton, Leulusi, Evans and Edmonds.

Another second division side, Bramley, went down 28-14 to Leeds, the holders, for whom the Australian centre, Currie, scored two tries. Hull Kingston Rovers overcame a 6-2 half-time deficit against Widnes to win 14-6.

In the first division, Wigan moved closer to the leaders with a resounding 48-16 win at Hunslet, while Barrow pulled off a surprise victory at Castleford. In the second division, Carlisle retained their leadership with a comfortable win at Doncaster.

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Quarter-finals: St Helens 8, Halifax 14; Dewsbury 8, Hull 22; Hull Kingston Rovers 14, Widnes 6; Leeds 28, Bramley 14.
DIVISION ONE: Castleford 10, Barrow 14; Hunslet 16, Wigan 48.
DIVISION TWO: Batley 7, Mansfield Marksmen 9; Doncaster 8, Carlisle 42; Keighley 8, Rochdale Hornets 22; Salford 50, Sheffield Eagles 18; Southend Invicta 10, Swinton 28; Wakefield Trinity 14, Huddersfield 11

IN BRIEF

Hutchings to the fore

Tim Hutchings was celebrating another successful trip to France yesterday as he won the first Issy Les Moulineaux time-trial road race, over 5.73 kilometres. Hutchings, the winner of two cross-country races earlier this month, took first place in 15min 49.92sec.

Clarke was also second to Hutchings in the Pelerin cross-country event in Paris on December 2. Hutchings's other win came a week *later in Nancy.*

LEADING POSITIONS: 1, T Hutchings (GB) 15min 49.92sec; 2, Dave Clarke (GB) 15:38.73; 3, J Boxberger (Fr) 16:08.60; 4, J Mahmoud (Fr) 16:08.93; 5, A Gonzalez (Fr) 16:16.86.

TENNIS: The United States Tennis Association (USTA) do not plan to make drastic changes in their Davis Cup set-up after their 4-1 trouncing by Sweden in the final in Göteborg last week. A USTA spokesman, Ed Fabricius, said that the team captain Arthur Ashe had no intentions of leaving his post.

● Peter Doohan, of Australia, collected the biggest cheque of his professional career when he came from one set behind to win the South Australian Open tennis title in Adelaide yesterday.

RACING

WINCANTON (BBC)

[Televised: BBC 2: 1.0, 1.30, 2.0]

GOING: good to soft.

12.30 STIRRUP-CUP NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: Part 1, 4-y-o: £695: 2m) (13 runners)

1 041 SOME MOOR R Hodges 10-12 S Earle 7
2 000 ARIANO J Edwards 10-10 P Warner
3 ARROGANCE C A Bell 10-10 J H Davies
14 0430 HUBLI J Gifford 10-10 M Palmer 7
16 KENCAST L Kennard 10-10 B Powell
23 11 SAILOR'S DANCE (D) F Winter 11-3 J Duggan 4
25 TEN IN HAND J Ciechanowski 10-10 K Mooney
28 WATER SLADES T Tory 10-10 –
31 ALMOST CASUAL R Shepherd 10-5 J Nolans
33 pf-43 CRACKMORE LASS H Dimond 10-5 A Sharpe 4
34 LADY BROOKLYN A Barrow 10-5 M Nuttall 4
37 0-p00 PRECIPICE MOSS I Landless 10-5 R Dickin
39 0- ROMACINA P M Taylor 10-5 –

1983: Cilerna Jet, 10 12 Mr E Whettam (2-1), P Tory. 20 ran.

4-5 Sailor's Dance, 9-2 Some Moor, 5 Ariano, 6 Hubli, 12 Kencast, 16 others.

Wincanton selections

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12.30 Sailor's Dance. 1.0 Bishop's Bow. 1.30 Cocaine. 2.0 Kilbrittain Castle. 2.30 Glen Berg. 3.0 Treyford. 3.30 Mafoo's Token.

1.0 ISIS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,001: 2m 5f) (8)

2 300-3 WESTERN SUNSET (CD) T Forster 8-11-7 H Davies
3 pp-30 BISHOP'S BOW (CD) A Turnell 8-11-5 E Waite
5 0412 CHOC NA CUILLE (C) J Gifford 7-10-10 M Palmer 7
7 20-32 FIRE DRILL (C) K Bishop 9-10-2 P Richards
8 221-p MOOD MUSIC R Hodges 12-10-0 S Earle 7
9 3-2p0 ROMANY COUNT W R Williams 12-10-0 –
11 0/p10 EASY STEED (CD) S Pattemore 6-10-0 Mr R Treloggen
12 4p/0p- TOWER BRIDGE (CD) G Small 13-10-0 –

1983: Lucky Rew 8 10 9 B de Haan (12-1), T Bulgin. 12 ran.

9-4 Fire Drill, 11-4 Cnoc Na Cuille, 4 Wester Sunset, 9-2 Bishops Bow, 8 Mood Music, 10 Romany Count, 16 others.

FORM: WESTERN SUNSET (11-7) 3rd beaten 40l to Bennys Boy (10-10) 7 ran. Sandown 2m 4f h'cap ch good Nov 2. BISHOP'S BOW (10-4) 5th beaten 15l to Beau Ranger (9-10) 10 ran. Cheltenham 2m 4f h'cap ch good to soft Dec 8. CNOC NA CUILLE (11-4) 3rd beaten 26l 9 ran. Kempton 2m 4f h'cap ch good to soft Nov 22. EASY STEED (10-2) 9th to Mount Oliver (10-6) 9 ran. Wincanton 3m 1f h'cap ch good Nov 29.
Selection: BISHOP'S BOW.

1.30 CORAL GOLDEN HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier: £3,141: 2m 6f) (15)

3 0-0f0 DANCING SOVEREIGN (D) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-8 M Bastard
5 3u-22 BOB TISDALL J Edwards 5-11-7 P Warner
8 2000- BRASS CHANGE I Dudgeon 6-11-3 M Richards
10 20-2f COCAINE (C) S Pattemore 6-11-2 Mr R Treloggen
11 0423 CROSS MASTER T Bill 7-11-2 G Williams
12 3030 IL PONTEVECCHIO (C) D Murray-Smith 4-11-1 Mr T Thomson Jones
13 1000 TUGBOAT (B) P Mitchell 5-11-0 –
14 0-220 CAMEBELLE N Mitchell 6-11-0 B Powell
18 3010 ROAD TO MANDALAY D Barons 7-10-12 H Davies
22 1404/ AMBIANCE L Kennard 5-10-7 B Powell
24 000-1 TRIPLE JUMP G Thorner 4-10-6 (4 ex) R Kington
25 1100- PARTY MISS (CD) W Fisher 9-10-4 K Mooney
27 21-00 PHARAOH'S OWN J H Baker 7-10-1 C Evans
32 00-10 BICKLEIGH BRIDGE (C) J Roberts 10-10-0 (4 ex) –
33 0f/p0 LADY SWEETAPPLES D Elsworth 8-10-0 –

1983: buckbe 4 10 13 C Brown (7-4 fav), D Elsworth. 21 ran

7-2 Triple Jump, 4-1 Road To Mandalay, 5 Bob Tisdall, 6 Cocaine, 8 Cross Master, 11 Pontevecchio, 10 Tugboat, 12 Pharaoh's Own, 16 others.

FORM: COCAINE every ch when fell 2 out earlier (11-5) 2nd beaten ¾l to Pridesux Boy (11-10) 13 ran. Wincanton 2m hdle good to firm Nov 1. CROSS MASTER (11-0) 3rd beaten 4½l to Gembridge Jupiter (10-12) 9 ran. Nottingham 2m 6f h'cap hdle good Dec 8. TRIPLE JUMP (10-7) won 1l from Oregon Trail (10-13) 14 ran. Haydock 2m 4f h'cap hdle good Dec 12. BOB TISDALL (11-2) 2nd beaten 2l to Passage Creeper (11-12) 4 ran. Leopardstown 2m 2f hdle good Oct 29.
Selection: COCAINE.

2.0 ISIS HANGOVER HANDICAP CHASE (£1,948: 2m) (5)

1 1p-10 JUGADOR (D) P Haynes 9-12-7 –
2 1-333 KILBRITTAIN CASTLE (D) F Walwyn 8-12-2 K Mooney
6 31-22 LEFRAK CITY (D) T Forster 7-10-2 H Davies
11 u408 SIR LESTER J Thomas 8-10-0 –
12 01fp FARRANASTIC (CD) N Mitchell 11-10-0 B Powell

1983: No Corresponding Race

11-8 Kilbrittain Castle, 6-4 Jugador, 7-2 Lefrak City, 33 Sir Lester, Ferranastic.

FORM: JUGADOR (11-7) 5th beaten 20l to Restless Shot (10-8) 5 ran. Newbury 2m h'cap ch soft Nov 24. KILBRITTAIN CASTLE (10-0) 3rd beaten 20l to Far Bridge (10-0) 4 ran. Sandown 2m h'cap ch good to soft Dec 1. LEFRAK CITY (10-4) 2nd beaten 4l to Kings Jug (10-1) 7 ran. Wincanton 2m h'cap ch good Nov 28.
Selection: KILBRITTAIN CASTLE.

2.30 HARRY DUFOSEE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,763: 3m 1f) (8)

1 24/14- ANOTHER DUKE J Gifford 11-12-3 M Palmer 7
6 0-021 LEANDER BLUE D Nicholson 7-10-11 –
9 420/4 GLEN BERG (CD) F Walwyn 8-10-7 –
10 1pp-p ANOTHER PLATER P Bailey 8-10-6 –
15 0-311 MEMBERSON (D) (BF) P Dufosee 6-10-0 –
17 00/pp- STAR MEMBER (C) R Hawker 9-10-0 –
18 0-033 CASTLE WARDEN J Edwards 7-10-0 –
20 324 RYE APPEAL N Mitchell 8-10-0 –

1983: King's Bishop 8 10 1 C Brown (12-1), L Kennard, 10 ran.

15-8 Leander Blue, 3 Glen Berg, 4 Memberson, 11-2 Another Duke, 8 others.

3.0 STIRRUP-CUP NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o: £679: 2m) (21)

1 1000 TROPICAL MIST D Elsworth 11-10 –
2 31 TREYFORD (D) T Forster 11-3 H Davies
3 2 AL TRUI W Fisher 10-10 K Mooney
6 CATCHER IN THE RYE D Arbuthnot 10-10 Mr T Thomson Jones
7 43 CELTIC BOB O O'Neill 10-10 M Caswell 4
8 CHANCE FACT Chamberlain 10-10 A Chamberlain
9 0343 COOMBE SPIRIT J H Baker 10-10 G Newman
14 00 LEOPARDO J Gifford 10-10 P Ollis
15 00-p LEVANT WAY W Fisher 10-10 J Nolan
18 2-0 NORTHERN BEAU I Dudgeon 10-10 M Richards
19 f-00 PRESENT VALUE R Robinson 10-10 –
20 p QUACK QUACK A Turnell 10-10 F Byrne 7
22 pp TEMPLEMALEY R Hodges 10-10 S Earle 7
25 fp VINO ROSSO A Turnell 10-10 E Waite
27 p0 CANIE COTTAGE N Mitchell 10-5 B Powell
29 p000 GOLDEN MEDINA P Bailey 10-5 R Kington
30 GREY MISCHIEF L Cottrell 10-5 George Knight
32 MAYGON Mrs E Kennard 10-5 P Richards
34 0 NICOLA LOUISE Mrs J Pitman 10-5 M Bastard
36 u0 SAFFRON POSER R Hodges 10-5 –
37 2 SILENT SURRENDER J King 10-5 –

1983: The Reject 10 10 B de Haan (5-4 fav), F Winter. 20 ran.

9-4 Al Trui, 3 Silent Surrender, 7-2 Treyford, 4 Tropical Mist, 8 Northern Beau, 10 Celtic Bob, 14 others.

3.30 STIRRUP-CUP NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: Part 2: 4-y-o: £695: 2m) (13)

4 00-00 BENMORE Mrs J Pitman 10-10 M Bastard
6 DIANA'S PET S Pattemore 10-10 Mr R Treloggen
8 0402- GARY SHAW K Bishop 10-10 –
11 0 GRANGE RUN C Roach 10-10 B Wright
12 00 HARBOUR BRIDGE I Dudgeon 10-10 M Richards
17 MAFOO'S TOKEN R Holder 10-10 P Richards
19 PRINCE MOON G Balding 10-10 Mr G Upton 7
20 00-u REGAL SYMPHONY B Venn 10-10 –
22 20-0 RODNERS J King 10-10 H Davies
30 p0p0 WORDEN PRINCE J Thomas 10-10 C Evans 7
35 p0 LIGONITE P Tory 10-5 –
38 p0-p0 ROBERTS GIRL R Hodges 10-5 S Earle 7
40 p-p0p TOM'S COMEDY W R Williams 10-5 –

1983: Cilerna Jet 10 12 Mr E Whettam (2-1), P Tory, 20 ran.

9-4 Mafoo's Token, 11-4 Rodners, 7-2 Harbour Bridge, 6 Gary Shaw, 7 Prince Moon, 10 Benmore, 14 others.

● Maori Venture was a welcome pre-Christmas present for Andy Turnell and brightened his so far gloomy season by winning the Tote Treble Handicap Chase at Lingfield on Saturday. (His wife, Louise, said: "That's only our fourth win of the season and the first for six weeks. A third of our horses are side-lined with minor ailments and our best horse, Tracy's Special, will not run again this season."

● Dalbury, an impressive winner of the Tote Placepot *Handicap Hurdle at Lingfield on Saturday, gave Peter* Haynes his fourteenth success of the winter. "That's my best score, in my third season after taking over from Derek Kent. Dalbury is entered for the L'Oreal Hurdle at Newbury next Saturday and also the Schweppes Gold Trophy and I'll now shelve plans to send him novice chasing on New Year's Day." Haynes said.

WETHERBY

GOING: Good to soft.

12.30 CHRISTMAS NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o: £548: 2m) (12 runners)

1 2122 MELHAGEN (D) M H Easterby 11-7 A Brown
5 FAIR MARINER S Wiles 11-0 S Charlton
6 0-340 GASOOF D Ringer 11-0 G Bradley
8 40-0 LISAILY N Bycroft 11-0 P Tuck
9 PADDY SLIEVEEN J Glover 11-0 Dale McKeown 7
10 0 PHOENIX GOLD J FitzGerald 11-0 M Dwyer
11 0f0 SEATELL Denys Smith 11-0 –
12 060 STONE JUG Miss S Hall 11-0 G Dun
13 32-0p TORONTO STAR (B) A Potts 11-0 R Lamb
16 00f0 HEAVENLY PRINCESS A Watson 10-9 A Stringer
17 MANDRRAKE HONEY B Temple 10-9 C Pimlott
18 0 TAX CODE N Crump 10-9 K Whyte

1983: Brother Geoffrey 11-0 A Stringer (11-1) C Thornton 17 ran.

11-10 Melhagen, 3 Phoenix Gold, 6 Stone Jug, 10 Lisaily, 12 Gasoof.

Wetherby selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Phoenix Gold. 1.0 Forgive N'Forget. 1.35 On Leave. 2.5 Jimbrook. 2.35 Mossy Moore. 3.10 Charlotte's Dunce.

By Michael Seely

1.35 Ryecroft 2.35 MOSSY MOORE (nap).

1.0 ROWLAND MEYRICK HANDICAP CHASE (£7,189: 3m 100yd) (6)

2 0-122 FORGIVE N'FORGET (CD) J FitzGerald 7-11-7 M Dwyer
3 10-03 DON'T FORGET (CD) J Hanson 10-11-5 –
4 112-0 GOOD CRACK (CD) J Hanson 7-10-13 NON-RUNNER
5 1142 FORTINA'S EXPRESS (CD) W A Stephenson 10-10-13 R Lamb
6 p0-00 PHIL THE FLUTER (CD) H Wharton 9-10-12 P Tuck
9 pu-pp SUNSET CRISTO (CD) R Hawkey 10-10-3 A Stringer

1983 Phil The Fluter 8-10-0 S Keightley (12-1) H Wharton 7 ran.

11-8 Forgive N'Forget, 5-2 Fortina's Express, 11-2 Phil The Fluter, 8 Don't Forget, 20 Sunset Cristo.

1.35 BICKERTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,707: 2m 4f) (10)

1 p31-0 NEWLIFE CONNECTION (CD) W A Stephenson 5-11-11 R Lamb
2 0-011 EBORACUM (CD) B Wilkinson 6-11-10 G Harker 7
3 4-030 REFINGTON (B) (CD) N Crump 6-11-5 K Whyte
4 p3-22 ON LEAVE (D) (BF) A Scott 7-11-1 Mr T Reed 4
5 p4-00 AMANTISS J Hanson 6-10-10 C Pimlott
6 2-004 CELTIC CRACKER R Hartop 6-10-9 –
7 1324 PRINCE SANTIAGO (D) Denys Smith 5-10-7 S Thompson 4
8 0000-0 RYECROFT (D) J FitzGerald 6-10-5 M Dwyer
11 4-132 RACHEL'S DELIGHT (CD) D Morrill 5-10-0 P Tuck
12 03/30 MISS APOLLO Miss Z Green 7-10-0 A Stringer

5-2 On Leave, 7-2 Rachel's Delight, 5 Eboracum, 13-2 Ryecroft, 8 Celtic Cracker, 10 Prince Santiago, 12 Amantiss, Newlife Connection.

2.5 JOHN HAGGAS MEMORIAL NOVICE'S CHASE (£3,817: 3m 100yd) (9)

1 2211 BIG BROWN BEAR G Barlow 7-11-8 G Bradley
3 1113 JIMBROOK (B) M H Easterby 7-11-8 R Lamb
4 1321 SINGALONG SAM F Watson 7-11-8 P Tuck
5 0/311 INKLING (BF) H Wharton 7-11-6 D Wilkinson
7 p600 AUCHENCRUIVE A Watson 8-11-1 –
11 4130 SQUIRES CLOSE N Crump 6-11-1 D Wilkinson
13 421 ZAMANDRA J FitzGerald 9-11-1 –
14 0 LITTLE MIDGE O Jorgensen 6-11-0 –
15 003 MISTY SPIRIT D Lee 5-11-0 C Pimlott

1983: Forgive N'Forget 6-11-1 M Dwyer (8-11 fav) J FitzGerald 10 ran.

4-6 Jimbrook, 3 Big Brown Bear, 9-2 Inkling, 6 Singalong Sam, 12 Squire's Close, 14 others.

2.35 CASTLEFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£3,516: 2m 50yd) (6)

1 0-224 RYEMAN (B) (BF) Mrs M Dickinson 7-11-10 G Bradley
2 3-411 MOSSY MOORE K Oliver 8-11-5 (5 ex) T G Dun
3 p1-31 QUAY MAN (B) (CD) J S Wilson 9-10-7 (6 ex) A Stringer
5 13-0p STRAIGHT DOWN N Crump 7-10-7 D Wilkinson
6 0-000 ORP BALTIC E Alston 5-10-7 –
7 00-4f VILLIERSTOWN J Hanson 5-10-7 C Pimlott

1983: Badsworth Boy 8-12-0 G Bradley (10-11 fav) M W Dickinson 5 ran.

Evens Mossy Moore, 11-4 Quay Man, 7-2 Ryeman, 10 Orp Baltic, Villierstown, 20 Straight Down.

3.10 CHRISTMAS NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o: £584: 2m) (12)

2 00-01 WARGAME (D) A Batey 11-7 Mr J Quinn 7
3 040-0 ALAN STUART W Barrett 11-0 –
4 4 AMADIS T Barron 11-0 P Tuck
6 3302 BULLOM Denys Smith 11-0 Mr T Reed 4
7 00 BUSK FUZZ W A Stephenson 11-0 A Maguire 4
8 2243 CHARLOTTE'S DUNCE (BF) M H Easterby 11-0 A Brown
10 00 EASBY BUCK J Kettlewell 11-0 S Kettlewell 4
12 INDIAN J Glover 11-0 G Bradley
13 003 LUCKY FEN K Stone 11-0 M Dwyer
15 u040 OWEN HERBERT C Wardman 11-0 C J Wardman 7
16 0-00 PAY ZONE J Hanson 11-0 C Pimlott
17 0 SWIRL HOWE W A Stephenson 11-0 R Lamb

1983: Bright Sherriff 11-0 G Bradley (2-1 fav) M W Dickinson 16 ran.

2 Wargame, 11-4 Bullom, 9-2 Charlotte's Dunce, 11-2 Amadis, 10 Lucky Fen, 16 Indian, 20 others.

Jimmy Fitzgerald, who runs his Gold Cup hope, Forgive N' Forget in Wetherby's Rowland Meyrick Handicap Chase (1.0).

WOLVERHAMPTON

GOING: good to soft

12.45 NETHERTON 4-Y-O HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,083: 2m) (17 runners)

1 0242 GOING BROKE D Murray-Smith 11-10 C Mann
2 f0-p3 CLINKER (D) J Bosley 11-10 Mr M Bosley 7
4 310-0 BROWN RIFLE (D) D Burchell 11-6 NON-RUNNER
5 0002 LOR MOSS (D)(BF) A Leighton 11-6 W Morris 4
6 2100 END OF THE ROAD (B)(D) J King 11-4 A Webb
7 0020 HOME COMMAND (B)(D) J M Bradley 11-1 G Davies
8 2112 OUR WHITE HART (B) N Vigors 11-1 J White
9 022-0 AL-ABJAR C Jackson 10-11 J Burke
10 0242 PRIVATE LABEL (BF) F Lee 10-7 –
12 222-0 CHALKIES PET (D) D Wintle 10-4 R Hyett
13 3000 SANDY LOOKS R Holder 10-4 S Morshead
14 0021 KWA ZULU M Tate 10-3 (10 ex) C Smith
17 00-04 SPOT THE PATCH B McMahon 10-1 T Wall
18 p-344 WORDSWORTH D A Wilson 10-1 J J O'Neill
20 000- EYTON MILADY K White 10-0 P Finch 7
21 0p00 GRAY ROSE-BAY (B) E Owen Jun 10-0 D Chinn 7
22 0001- CHI MAI (B) J Norton 10-0 S J O'Neill

1983: Ariso Treat 11-7 P A Charlton (7-2 fav) M Lambert 18 ran

7-2 Our White Hart, 4 Kwa Zulu, 11-2 Clinker, 7 Private Label, Going Broke, 9 Wordsorth, 12 End Of The Road, Lor Moss, 14 others.

Wolverhampton selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Our White Hart. 1.15 Run And Skip. 1.45 Celtic Brew. 2.15 Silva Linda. 2.45 BOLD ILLUSION (nap). 3.15 Terryash.

1.15 OLDBURY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,414: 3m) (8)

3 2-111 RUN AND SKIP (D) J Spearing 6-12-1 (8 ex) S Morshead
4 12-20 TARQOGAN'S CHOICE J Edwards 7-11-7 –
5 p211 SMITH'S MAN (D) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-5 (8 ex) A Webb
7 32ub ROYAL NORMAN (B)(D) A Brisbourne 8-11-1 M Brisbourne
10 212-0 ROCKIN BERRY A Baylis 9-10-6 Mr T Jackson
13 0042 KEEP A PROMISE Capt J Wilson 6-10-0 Mrs G Rees
14 4-443 HILL GREEN R B Francis 8-10-0 R Crank
15 p0pf CAMBRO BOY (B) W Clay 8-10-0 S J O'Neill

1983: Greenbank Park 6-11-1 Mr D Williams (9-1) R Perkins 11 ran

2 Run And Skip, 11-4 Smith's Man, 5 Targogan's Choice, 8 Rockin Berry, 10 Royal Norman, 12 Keep A Promise, 20 Hill Green.

1.45 HARRY BROWN CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,954: 2m 5f) (8)

2 r-030 THE TSAREVICH (C,D) N Henderson 8-11-12 J White
3 4-312 CLASSIFIED (D) N Henderson 8-11-11 –
4 120-0 ST ALEZAN (CD) M Tate 7-11-5 C Smith
8 002u WALNUT WONDER R Hickman 9-10-6 Philip Hobbs
10 23-01 CELTIC BREW (CD) Mrs M Rimell 7-10-0 –
13 2213 WINGETTS (D) Mrs M Rimell 8-10-0 –
15 2213 GOOD TRADE R Perkins 9-10-0 –
16 p-2f3 BUCKSOME (D) B McMahon 11-10-0 R Crank

1983: W Six times 6-11-5 C Bell (7-4 fav) M W Dickinson 10 ran

9-4 Celtic Brew, 7-2 Walnut Wonder, 5 St Alezan, Wingetts, 7 The Tsarevich, 10 Good Trade, 14 Bucksome.

2.15 DEEPFIELDS NOVICES' CHASE (£1,260: 2m) (10)

1 1b14 SILVA LINDA (D)(BF) F Winter 6-11-7 N Fearn 7
2 0011 MARINA STAR (D) O O'Neill 5-11-5 M Caswell 4
7 04ff FARE LOVE E Evans 5-10-12 –
9 00-02 FLUID Mrs M Rimell 5-10-12 S Morshead
12 30-44 LANGTON SIEGFRIED P Cundell 6-10-12 Philip Hobbs
15 0041 NATIVE SON J Cosgrove 5-10-12 –
17 10434 SOVEREIGN ISLAND Mrs A Finch 5-10-12 M Harrington
18 04-fu TARVILLE J Edwards 6-10-12 –
19 00f0 VICTOR DUB M Castell 6-10-12 M Castell
20 p-00p EMERALD FLIGHT R Eckley 5-10-7 J Bryan

1983: Ardent Spy 6-11-5 J Bryan (8-11 fav) R Armytage 7 ran

9-4 Fluid, Marina Star, 9-2 Langton Siegfried, 5 Silva Linda, 10 Sovereign Island, 12 Tarville, 16 others.

2.45 WALSALL HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,268: 2m) (20)

1 3u-22 BOB TISDALL (D) J Edwards 5-12-7 –
4 00-09 HAVON AIR (C,D) J Spearing 6-11-7 S Morshead
7 2-009 JAYESS (D) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-2 A Webb
8 3/32-1 PEARLYMAN (D) J Edwards 5-11-1 –
9 0000- PRINCE OF BERMUDA (D) M Gibson 9-11-1 C Mann
10 44-00 SUPPER'S READY (B) W Morris 6-11-1 R Crank
12 0014 ENSIGNS KIT (CD) A Brisbourne 9-11-1 (7 ex) M Brisbourne
13 132-2 ROBOLIN (D) R Hollinshead 9-11-0 J J O'Neill
14 0130 SWEETCAL (B)(D) P Cundell 7-11-0 M Rimmer 7
15 3020 OUR MONSIEUR (D) J Bosley 10-10-13 Mr M Bosley 7
17 0-030 CAWARRA LAD C James 5-10-13 –
19 0p10 KILSYTH D Burchell 5-10-6 Mr M Richards 7
20 14f-1 BOLD ILLUSION (D) M Eckley 6-10-6 (7 ex) W Morris 4
21 0002- RIBODEN (D) B McMahon 6-10-2 T Wall
22 00/0-0 SIR TITUS (D) W Clay 10-10-1 S J O'Neill
23 1/000 EYTON STREAKER K White 5-10-1 P Finch 7
24 2400 TEEJAY (D) P Bevan 5-10-0 R Hatfield 7
25 0003 STAR ALLIANCE (D) R Morris 6-10-0 W Morris 4
26 0440 PAPERACER (D) B Preece 5-10-0 W Knox 7
27 1300 HAVEN'S PRIDE (D) M Castell 6-10-0 –

1983: Ensigns Kit 8-10-7 M Brisbourne (8-1) A Brisbourne 16 ran

11-4 Bold Illusion, 7-2 Pearlyman, 5 Robolin, 6 Kilsyth, 7 Ensigns Kit, 10 Sweetcal, 12 Jayess, 16 others.

3.15 WREKIN NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (£668: 2m 4f) (17)

3 00-02 KEMALOCK Miss A King 4-11-10 J Burke
4 02-00 FLEMINGTON Mrs M Rimell 5-11-8 –
5 00-11 TERRYASH (D) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-8 (9 ex) A Webb
9 0023 MARANZI J Colston 6-10-12 W Hayes 4
11 4300 SIDVIC M Oliver 5-10-9 R Crank
12 43-04 EMBENISI J Edwards 5-10-8 –
14 213-0 CHARLEY FISHER D Wintle 9-10-7 N Babbage 4
15 0104- RUBY AND SAPPHIRE B Cambidge 5-10-7 Mr J Cambidge 4
16 2r-00 PRINCESS MEY N Henderson 8-10-7 –
19 p-124 NEW KAYBER D Gandolfo 5-10-7 M Harrington
21 2-000 WOOLOWARE R Hartop 4-10-7 J J O'Neill
22 0049 HOPE END R Brazington 6-10-7 C Jones
24 0-005 ERICA SUPERBA (BF) P Bailey 4-10-7 S Morshead
25 4p-40 SAXON ACE C Trietline 6-10-7 M Caswell 4
26 4040 BRYNIA B Felling 4-10-7 A Griffiths 4
30 00p1 SANDICLIFFE AGAIN D Laing 6-10-7 (9 ex) –
31 030p TUDOR FUN (B) R Morris 4-10-7 W Morris 4

1983: Isenames 5-10-10 N Madden (5-1) D Barons 19 ran

5-2 Terryash, 7-2 Kemalock, 5 Wooloware, 6 Erica Superba, 8 New Kayber, 10 Flemington, Maranzi, 14 others.

Trainers' preferences

The following is a list of preferences for those horses declared at more than one Boxing Day meeting. Kempton: 2.45 The Irish Brink; 3.15 Classified, Leander Blue. Wincanton: 1.30 Bob Tisdall. Wetherby: 1.35 Rachel's Delight; 2.5 Misty Spirit. Huntingdon: 12.30 Embenisi, Princess Mey; 1.30 Cawarra Lad, High Old Time; 2.0 Castle Warden; 3.0 Maidgo. Newton Abbot: 12.30 Hypnosia, 2.0 Sandicliffe Again; 3.0 Dragon Palace. Market Rasen: 1.45 Randomly, ATS Prince; 2.15 Zamandra. Sedgefield: 12.45 Record Supreme; 1.15 Katie Bourne; 2.15 Orp Baltic.

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RACING

Burrough Hill Lad to end Harewood stranglehold

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

In one way or another the remarkable Dickinson family have maintained a stranglehold on Kempton Park's big Boxing Day race, the King George VI Steeplechase, since 1978 thanks to the sterling deeds of Gay Spartan, Silver Buck and Wayward Lad.

However, with **Burrough Hill Lad** standing his ground for this year's race, it does look as though the Dickinson dominance will finally come to an end, even though Wayward Lad is in the line-up again.

At Wetherby recently Burrough Hill Lad trounced Wayward Lad with one of the most ruthless displays of forcing tactics seen in recent years.

Even if one makes some allowance for the possibility that Wayward Lad was not at his best that day – he finished only six lengths in front of the third horse Donegal Prince and normally I would have expected him to have done better – it is still hard to envisage him getting his revenge with the Gold Cup winner in his present seemingly unstoppable form.

Those who like to back the outsider of three can take comfort from the fact tht Combs Ditch was deemed good enough to take part in the Cheltenham Gold Cup in 1983. He collapsed afterwards, however, and his only race then has been over hurdles at Cheltenham earlier this month when he beat **Indamelody**, who is now my idea of the likely winner of the Boxing Day Handicap Hurdle.

Indamelody will be ridden by Paul Croucher, who also has a good chance of winning the Falklands Handicap Chase for trainer Nicky Henders on the Kennedy Construction Gold Cup runner-up, **Classified**.

See You Then, from the same Lambourn yard, is taken to advance his Champion Hurdle prospects by winning the Ladbroke Christmas Hurdle in the hands of the champion jockey, John Francome, who can begin what should be a memorable afternoon by winning the Port Wine Novices' chase on **Gratification**.

With such accomplished front-runners as Desert Orchid, Ra Nova and Rushmoor also declared, one or two throats may easily be slit in the day's big hurdle race, leaving the way for Francome to cut the opposition down in the straight on See You Then, just as he did at Ascot recently.

At Wincanton, I fancy Kevin Mooney's chance of winning the Isis Hangover Handicap Chase for Fulke Walwyn on **Kilbrittain Castle** and then completing a stable double by winning the Harry Dufosee Handicap Chase on *Glen Berg*, whose best performance to date was a defeat of Border Incident over the same course and distance three seasons ago. Injury has curtailed his career since then but his first and only race this season augured well.

Further west, **Open The Box** looks a good bet to win the second division of the South-west Novices' Hurdle at Newton Abbot, following that eye-catching debut at Haydock Park last week when he was runner-up to Chipped Metal.

His trainer Toby Balding will also be fancying his chances of winning the first division of the St Ivo Novice's Hurdle at Huntingdon with Bishops Yarn, who shaped with such promise in the race won by The Breener at Newbury in November. In this instance however, I just prefer The Breener's stable companion, **Gay Rascal**, who ran well later that afternoon.

At Wetherby, Phil The Fluter will attempt to win the Rowland Meyrick Handicap Chase for a second time but I prefer **Forgive N' Forget**, who made Gaye Chance pull out all the stops at Haydock recently.

Forgive N' Forget's trainer *Jimmy Fitzgerald* also has his sight set on four races at Market Rasen. **Kilroe's Calin** (1.15), **Prelko** (1.45), **Zamandra** (2.15) and **Kevinsfort** (3.15) are the runners in question and all four have a good chance of making it a day to remember for their highly-successful trainer and *their jockey, Ron O'Leary.*

At Sedgefield, **Bonny Gold** can underline the good chance that **On Leave** has of winning at Wetherby by himself winning the ITM Handicap Hurdle. They had the finish of a similar race to themselves at Sedgefield a fortnight ago.

Finally, my hopes of paying for some of the Christmas expenses are pinned on **Bold Illusion** who is napped to win the Walsall Handicap Hurdle at Wolverhampton. Bold Illusion gave me the indelible impression that he could have pulled a train and still won when he landed a gamble at Warwick earlier this month. In *the circumstances, even a 7lb* penalty should not stop him from winning again.

Leaders over the jumps

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stakes
J Jenkins	50	32	16	14	-14.24
G Richards	40	34	18	2	-0.76
F Winter	33	13	10	2	-4.43
M H Easterby	30	14	15	0	-1.63
W A Stephenson	30	21	16	3	-15.94
Mrs M Dickinson	24	10	5	0	+5.39
T Forster	23	22	12	0	+7.54
S Mellor	22	7	8	0	+3.03
D Elsworth	19	10	16	7	+27.95
D Gandolfo	18	15	13	10	-22.10
Mrs M Rimmell	18	10	16	0	-45.37

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
J Francome	66	34	24	1	-27.67
N Doughty	36	14	16	6	-10.89
S Morshead	29	11	21	0	-17.81
R Earnshaw	28	20	13	10	-5.02
S Smith Eccles	27	32	19	0	+16.74
G Bradley	24	14	13	0	-12.86
P Scudamore	24	39	28	5	-126.82
R Linley	23	13	10	7	-4.97
P Tuck	22	21	12	27	-53.41
C Brown	21	15	26	11	-37.41
H Davies	21	19	9	10	-45.04



Mrs Dickinson greets Righthand Man, her winner of the Welsh National. She also saddled the third, Planetman

Dickinson pair to give Aintree a miss

Monica Dickinson, the Harewood trainer, saddled Righthand Man and Planetman to finish first and third in the £22,000 Coral Welsh National at Chepstow on Saturday and joked afterwards: "Now you know where Michael got it from".

She was referring to her son, who broke all National Hunt training records, including providing the first five home in the 1983 Gold Cup, before turning to the Flat. One race that always eluded Michael, however, was the Welsh Natinal, but it has been plundered by women trainers since they were granted licences and this was the fourth year running that a woman has saddled the winner.

Righthand Man, whose 11st 5lb was the highest winning weight since Limonali carried 11st 12lb 23 23 years ago, was only the second ride for Graham Bradley since he cracked his right wrist 18 days ago. Bradley was left in front when Planetman did everything but fall four from home.

Planetman, who had been well backed from 7-1 to 4-1 favourite, was leading and looking every inch the winner until his one mistake caused him to lose his bridle. Robert Earnshaw made a remarkable recovery and Planetman fought back gallantly to be only just beaten by Lucky Vane for second place. Robert Earnshaw, on Planetman, claimed that one mistake had cost him the race and Mrs Dickinson was inclined to agree.

Liverpool, however, is already ruled out for both Dickinson horses. Mrs Dickinson said: "Neither of them would jump Aintree and Righthand Man's owner, Mrs Muriel Haggas, wouldn't allow her horse to run there anyway." Bradley backed the owner's decision, commenting: "Righthand Man isn't brave enough for Aintree. If he made one mistake there he would sulk".

The runner-up, Lucky Vane, did his Liverpool prospects no harm at all. Toby Balding, his trainer, commented: "The winner simply beat him for toe and John Burke thought something else had stopped our horse just when he was running at the second last, but I think he ran to his form. He'll go next to Sandown or Cheltenham, then probably the Eider Chase at Newcastle before Liverpool."

John O'Neill, who, like Graham Bradley, has been out of action recently with an arm injury, showed that he is as inspired as ever when he produced Out Of The Gloom to take the Finale Junior Hurdle with an incredible last burst after Ace Of Spies *had looked sure to win.* Out Of The Gloom is a 25-1 chance for the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle

Beat The Retreat, another leading Triumph hope, was well in contention when he fell four from home in this race. Mark Perrett was *kicked in the kidneys and missed a* subsequent winning ride on Nudge Nudge in the Novices' Chase.

IRISH RACING

Dark Ivy poised to make amends

From Our Irish Correspondent Dublin

One of the most exciting features of the Christmas racing in Ireland will be the continuing battle for the amateur riders' championship involving the title holder, Ted Walsh, Willie Mullins and Colin Magnier. At Navan on Saturday, Willie Mullins narrowed the gap with Walsh to one after steering Wonderful Anna to a six-length win in the Yule Log Flat race.

Earlier in the afternoon Bunny Cox had introduced a spectacular newcomer to chasing in the five-year-old, That's Show Biz. He treated the early fences in the Mistletoe Novice Chase with a total lack of regard, tearing along at a breakneck gallop. It was only after covering the first mile that Joe Byrne managed to get a proper hold and thereafter That's Show Biz continued to dominate the race, winning by a dozen lengths.

Full results from the eight Boxing Day meetings in *The Times* on Thursday.

His stable companion, Dark Ivy, a disappointing favourite behind Lucisis at Fairyhouse, reappears in the Dennys Gold Medal Novice chase at Leopardstown, on Boxing Day. The winner, although among the declarations, is scheduled to go instead to Limerick where the longer distance of the Ballsbridge Tattersalls Munster Chase affords a more suitable target.

The ones that will trouble Dark Ivy are Boreen Prince, who was second at Fairyhouse, Bit of the Action, who ran so well behind Bobsline at Punchestown earlier this month, and Fred Coteri, who has won the last two renewals of the Sweeps Hurdle over this course.

If, however, Dark Ivy can recapture the form he showed at Navan when dividing Dawn Run and Buck House, he could win at reasonable odds.

Derryvale, the first of the Irish *three-year-old hurdlers to attract* sizeable support for the Triumph Hurdle

KEMPTON PARK (Ch4)

Televised: 1.10, 1.40, 2.15, 2.45

GOING: good to soft.

TOTE: DOUBLE 1.40, 2.45. TREBLE 1.10, 2.15, 3.15.

12.40 PORT WINE NOVICE CHASE (£2.446: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

103 001-p10 HANDY BILLY (Lady Earle) Lady Earle (Ire) 5-11-4 .... G Mernagh
104 0-00004 ARMATRIST (N Wheeler) N Wheeler 5-11-0 .... Mr N Wheeler (7)
105 40f/f0p BROOKLANDS (K Baker) D Barons 7-11-0 .... Mr C Thorton
107 f1u00-0 CELTIC WAY (G Wareham) G Wareham 8-11-0 .... C G Willem
110 0-03303 GAINSAY (Mrs I Silver) D Nicholson 5-11-0 .... P Scudamore
111 11p-444 GRATIFICATION (Mrs B Samuel) F Winter 7-11-0 .... J Francome
115 04104- STEARSBY (T Ramsden) G Thorner 5-11-0 .... A Carroll

1983: Cared Opal 5-11-0 J Francome (5-2) F Winter 7 ran.

5-4 Gratification, 9-4 Gainsay, 13-2 Handy Billy, 12 Stearsby, 20 Armatrist, 25 others.

Kempton selections

By Mandarin

12.40 Gratification. 1.10 Welsh Warrior. 1.40 See You Then. 2.15 Burrough Hill Lad. 2.45 Indamelody. 3.15 Classified.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 Acarine.

1.10 FOOD BROKERS–ARMOUR NOVICE HURDLE (£3,605: 2m) (12)

202 310 GALA'S IMAGE (CD) (BF) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) Mrs M Rimell 4-11-7 R Linley
203 303/312 HYPNOSIS (D) (Maj G Snell) D Elsworth 5-11-7 .... –
204 434-122 MOUNT BOLUS (C) (A Sandeman) D Oughton 4-11-7 .... P Double
205 1 THE HACIENDEROS (Mrs B Curley) D Thom 5-11-7 .... Mr D Murphy (4)
206 12 WELSH WARRIOR (H Joel) A Turnell 4-11-7 .... Steve Knight
208 003400 AMRULLAH (B) (T Thom) J Bridger 4-11-0 .... A Jones
209 04 ASA SPADES (E Parker) D Barons 5-11-0 .... Mr M Armytage
210 3b/04 DRAGON PALACE (D Winfield) D Elsworth 6-11-0 .... –
214 02 FOLLY HILL (N Goymer) J Jenkins 4-11-0 .... J Francome
215 GLEN BURN (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) O Sherwood 5-11-0 .... P Scudamore
217 00 JIMJAMS (G Shoemack) A Turnell 4-11-0 .... –
222 0 PERCASE (P Locke) P Cundell 5-11-0 .... M Perrett

1983: Desert Orchid 4-11-0 R Linley (7-4 fav) D Elsworth 10 ran

13-8 Welsh Warrior, 11-4 The Haciendaros, 9-2 Mount Bolus, 13-2 Gala's Image, 10 Folly Hill, 16 Amrullah, 20 others.

FORM: GALA'S IMAGE (11-5) 5th beaten 4¾l to Maister (11-5) 15 ran. Cheltenham 2m 4f nov hdle good to soft Dec 7. HYPNOSIS (11-1) 2nd beaten nk to Broin (10-9) 18 ran. Wincanton 2m nov hdle good Nov 29. MOUNT BOLUS (11-7) 2nd beaten 8l to GALA'S IMAGE (11-0) 15 ran. Kempton 2m nov hdle good to soft Nov 22. THE HACIENDEROS (10-10) won 2½l from Oxhey Cottage (11-0) 13 ran. Newbury 2m nov hdle heavy Nov 24. WELSH WARRIOR (11-7) 2nd beaten 4l to The Breener (11-7) 19 ran. Newbury 2m nov hdle heavy Nov 24. ASA SPADES (10-10) 4th beaten 9l to Joy Ride (10-10) 22 ran. Windsor 2m nov hdle good to soft Nov 10. DRAGON PALACE (11-0) 4th beaten 40l to Lonach (11-6) 14 ran. Cheltenham 2m 4f nov hdle good to soft Dec7. FOLLY HILL (11-0) 2nd beaten 12l to French Captain (11-4) 15 ran. Folkestone 2m nov hdle heavy Dec 18.
Selection: THE HACIENDEROS.

1.40 LADBROKE CHRISTMAS HURDLE (Grade I: £15,572: 2m) (7)

301 771-211 BROWNE'S GAZETTE (D) (J Poynton) Mrs M Dickinson 6-11-3 .... D Browne
302 1110-33 DESERT ORCHID (CD) (R Burridge) D Elsworth 5-11-3 .... C Brown
304 3104-22 JANUS (CD) (K Little) Mrs N Smith 6-11-3 .... P Scudamore
305 3101-11 RA NOVA (CD) (D Travers-Clark) Mrs N Kennedy 5-11-3 .... M Perrett
306 2011-13 RUSHMOOR (D) (J Ennis) R Peacock 6-11-3 .... R Linley
307 1121-31 SEE YOU THEN (D) (Stype Wood Stud Ltd) N Henderson 4-11-3 .... J Francome
308 2203-04 STANS PRIDE (D) (Mrs M Morgan) G Price 7-10-12 .... N Coleman

1983: Dawn Run 5-10-12 J J O'Neill (9-4) P Mullins (Ire) 9 ran

11-8 Browne's Gazette, 3 See You Then, 5 Ra Nova, 8 Rushmoor, 12 Desert Orchid, 16 Janus, 25 Stan's Pride.

FORM: BROWNE'S GAZETTE (11-4) won 8l from Gaye Brief (11-10) with STANS PRIDE (10-11) 4th beaten 13½l 5 ran. Cheltenham 2m hdle good to soft Dec 8. SEE YOU THEN (11-8) won 2l from Joy Ride (10-8) with DESERT ORCHID (11-8) 3rd beaten 7l 5 ran. Ascot 2m hdle good to soft Dec 15. JANUS (11-12) 2nd beaten 20l to Eversee (10-0) 8 ran. Ascot 2m h'cap hdle good to soft Nov 17. RA NOVA (11-3) won 2½l from Bajam Sunshine (11-0) with SEE YOU THEN (11-6) 3rd beaten 5½l 7 ran, Newbury 2m hdle heavy Nov 24. RUSHMOOR (11-8) fin 2nd, 5l, disq plcd 3rd to Prideaux Boy (10-3) 14 ran. Sandown 2m h'cap hdle good to soft Dec 1.
Selection: BROWN'S GAZETTE.

2.15 KING GEORGE VI CHASE (Grade I: £26,466: 3m) (3)

401 11-3111 BURROUGH HILL LAD (R Lilley) Mrs J Pitman 8-1-10 .... J Francome
402 21110/1 COMBS DITCH (B) (R Tory) D Elsworth 8-11-10 .... C Brown
403 12p-112 WAYWARD LAD (CD) (BF) (Mrs S Thewlis) Mrs M Dickinson 9-11-10 R Earnshaw

1983: Wayward Lad 8-11-10 R Earnshaw (11-8 fav) M W Dickinson 5 ran

4-7 Burrough Hill Lad, 15-8 Wayward Lad, 8 Combs Ditch.

FORM: BURROUGH HILL LAD (11-8) won 10l from WAYWARD LAD (11-8) 4 ran. Wetherby 3m ch, good, Dec 8. COMBS DITCH (10-8) won 2½l from Indamelody (10-2) 13 ran. Cheltenham 2m 4f h'cap hdle, good to soft, Dec 8, after an absence of 21 months, a good performer over fences in the past.
Selection: BURROUGH HILL LAD.

2.45 BOXING DAY HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,147: 2m) (8)

508 3210/12 INDAMELODY (CD) (Mrs M Thorne) N Henderson 6-11-7 .... P Croucher 4
509 221-000 DICK'S FOLLY (D) (H Thelwall-Jones) R Hodges 5-11-3 .... R Linley
510 013221 TRY TO REMEMBER (D) (D Price) R Holder 4-11-2 (4 ex) .... N Coleman 4
512 22301-2 DHOFAR (D) (Lt Col E Harries) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-11-1 .... P Scudamore
513 142-42 THE IRISH RHINE (D) (D Wilson) D A Wilson 6-10-9 .... Steve Knight
514 1040-04 EMLYN PRINCESS (D) (T Evans) J Thomas 4-10-9 .... C Evans 7
515 0bupp-2 BETTYKNOWES (D) (D Wickins) R Akehurst 6-10-8 .... J Francome
518 2601-00 BARRERA LAD (D) (BF) (T McGee) D Elsworth 4-10-5 .... C Brown

1983: Whole Shebang 4-10-3 E Waite (5-1) A Turnell 13 ran

3-2 Indamelody, 100-30 Dhofar, 9-2 The Irish Rhine, 11-2 Try To Remember, 8 Bettyknowes, 10 Emlyn Princess, 16 others.

FORM: DHOFAR (10-11) 2nd beaten 1l to Southolr (11-10) 9 ran. Plumpton 2m h'cap hdle, soft, Dec 11. INDAMELODY (10-2) 2nd beaten 2½l to Combs Ditch (10-8) 13 ran. Cheltenham 2m 4f h'cap hdle, good to soft, Dec 8. TRY TO REMEMBER (11-10) won 8l from Our White Hart (10-11) 11 ran. Uttoxeter 2m 1f h'cap hdle, good to soft, Dec 4. THE IRISH RHINE (11-1) 2nd beaten 1l to Polish (10-8) 18 ran. Southwell 2m 4f h'cap hdle, good to soft, Dec 13. EMLYN PRINCESS (9-11) 4th beaten 17l to Pacifiste (FR) (11-8) 9 ran. Haydock 2m h'cap hdle, good to soft, Nov 21. BETTYKNOWES (10-11) 2nd beaten 6l to County Player (11-4) 17 ran. Devon 2m 1f h'cap hdle, good, Oct 9.
Selection: INDAMELODY.

3.15 FALKLANDS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,536: 3m) (6)

602 314-312 CLASSIFIED (G Rogers) N Henderson 8-11-9 .... P Croucher 4
607 2-b1214 ACARINE (CD) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 8-11-1 .... R Stronge
608 0-00204 FRED PILLINER (D) (N Johnson) M Scudamore 7-10-12 .... M Williams
609 330pp/p SUGARALLY (CD) (M Shone) J Edwards 11-10-6 .... J Francome
612 220-021 LEANDER BLUE (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 7-10-0 .... P Scudamore

1983: Tracys Special 8-11-3 E Waite (2-1 fav) A Turnell 8 ran

4-5 Classified, 9-4 Acarine, 13-2 Leander Blue, 12 Fred Pillner, 20 Sugarally.

Saturday's results

Chepstow

1.00 Misty Fest (12-1); 2 Fire Drill (9-1); 3 Penny Bank (7-2). 13 ran.

1.30 Out Of The Gloom (7-1); 2 Ace of Spies (12-1); 3 Jamesmead (15-2). Free Flow (9-4 fav). 13 ran.

2.05 Righthand Man (6-1); 2 Lucky Vane (13-2). 3 Planetman (4-1 fav); 4 Tacroy (16-1). 18 ran.

2.40 Fighter Pilot (7-2); 2 Moon Mariner (7-2), Horn of Plenty (5-1 fav). 20 ran.

3.10 Nudge Nudge (9-4); 2 Tommy tudor (14-1); 3 Believer Prince (33-1). Rigsteel (evens fav) 8 ran.

3.40 Le Lavandor (6-1); 2 Camino Crystal (12-1). 3 Wild Corn (5-2 fav); 4 Notre Cheval (8-1). 21 ran. NR, Haletians Flair.

Lingfield Park

12.50 1, Opening Bars (15-8 fav); 2, Mastara (7-1); 3, Diamonds High (13-1). 20 ran. NR: Mysecons.

1.20 1, Dalbury (7-2); 2, Eversel (5-1 fav); 3, Goldyke (50-1). 11 ran.

1.50 1, Rock Saint (9-2); 2, Tom Tailor (Evens fav); 3, Bird Stream (12-1). 8 ran.

2.20 1, Mount Venture (5-1); 2, Saunders (4-1); 3, Manton Castle (7-2), Round The Twist (3-1 fav). 7 ran.

2.50 1, Gold Of A Gunner (11-4 fav); 2, Airborne Deal (33-1); 3, Implication (25-1). 13 ran.

3.20 1, Mount Harvard (1-2 fav); 2, Eusebio (5-2); 3, Bic Roller (20-1). 4 ran.

Nottingham

12.30 1, Consolation (7-2); 2, Mr Quick (5-1); 3, Colonial Charm (8-1). Man In Grey (5-2 fav). 12 ran. NR: National Debt.

1.0 1, Stave Case (4-7 fav); 2, Kevinston (3-1); 3, Good Trade (10-1). 5 ran.

1.30 1, Nassau Royale (5-4 fav); 2, Corn Street (2-1); 3, Artful Charley (16-1). 10 ran. NR: Sea Rain, Fudge Delight, Hopeful Mission.

2.0 1, The Last Prince (9-2); 2, Geata An Uisce (5-2 fav); 3, Covent Garden (5-1). 12 ran.

2.30 1, Dawn Bramble (5-4 fav); 2, Grinders (11-4); 3, Assured (11-1). 7 ran.

3.0 1, Misty Dale (5-1); 2, Sacred Path (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Jake Box Jimmy (12-1). Village Draper (3-1 jt-fav). 14 ran.

HUNTINGDON

GOING: soft

12.30 ST IVO NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £725: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

2 0 AGINTRY D Pitcher 5-11-0 .... Mr D Pitcher
4 3 BISHOPS YARN G Balding 5-11-0 .... B Reilly
6 p COUNTRY CIRCUS J Gifford 5-11-0 .... E Murphy
7 f000- EASTER BRANDY P Allingham 6-11-0 .... –
8 43-04 EMBENISI J Edwards 5-11-0 .... P Barton
9 4 GAY RASCAL O Sherwood 5-11-0 .... Mr S Sherwood
11 00/00 OYSTONS WINDMILL P Oliver 5-11-0 .... –
12 00-p00 POLAR ICE J Harris 8-11-0 .... J A Harris
13 000-0 SIMARK J Gifford 5-11-0 .... R Rowe
16 000p/ VICK THE BUSKER M McCourt 7-11-0 .... G McCourt
18 00- KITTY BUSKINS F Sheridan 6-10-9 .... A Webber
19 pp0f MEDICI SOVEREIGN (B) L W Kendall 6-10-9 .... –
20 2f-00 PRINCESS MEY N Henderson 6-10-9 .... –
21 1p RARE PLEASURE Rex Carter 6-10-9 .... –

1983: Celtic Time 6-11-7 E Waite (evens fav) A Turnell 13 ran.

9-4 Bishops Yarn, 11-4 Gay Rascal, 9-2 Embenisi, 6 Simark, 10 Princess Mey, 12 Rare Pleasure, 18 others.

Huntingdon selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Gay Rascal. 1.0 Duesenberg. 1.30 French Captain. 2.0 Good As Ever. 2.30 River Rhein. 3.0 Preacher's Gem.

1.0 PEPYS NOVICE HANDICAP (£1,623: 2m 4f) (11)

1 32-22 STRAY SHOT (BF) J T Gifford 6-11-10 .... R Rowe
3 2410 SCOTS NOGGIER J Spearing 9-11-3 .... –
4 0121 DUESENBERG (D) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-1 (7 ex) S Smith Eccles
5 1124 SWIFT ROYALE (D) (BF) D Oughton 6-10-10 P Double
7 000-3 MAN OF MARK T Forster 5-10-6 .... R Dunwoody
8 0000 FORCE OF DESTINY N Gaselee 5-10-1 .... V McKevitt
9 3fpr WISE WORDS P Bailey 6-10-0 .... A Webber
10 3-332 LEGAL EMPEROR J Fitzgerald 6-10-0 .... –
12 3-002 HINTON CORNER P Hayward 7-10-0 .... P Corrigan 7
14 0-0pf TIMSUN M McCourt 6-10-0 .... –
15 pp0-u BEECHWOOD LAD M Connell 5-10-0 .... –

1983: Royal To Do 7-11-2 G McCourt (2-1 jt fav) T Forster 8 ran.

2 Duesenburg, 3 Stray Shot, 4 Legal Emperor, 13-2 Man Of Mark, Swift Royale, 9 Scots Nogger, 12 others.

1.30 OUSE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,444: 2m 200yd) (16)

5 10-20 ASIA MINOR (BF) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-11-7 S Smith Eccles
7 84p0 UPPER NOTE M O'Halloran 6-11-6 .... M O'Halloran
8 0000- PRINCE OF BERMUDA M Gibson 9-11-5 .... –
9 0-030 CAWARRA LAD (CD) C James 5-11-3 .... –
11 42-42 THE IRISH RHINE (CD) D A Wilson 6-11-1 .... –
12 40-04 EMLYN PRINCESS J Thomas 4-11-1 .... C Evans 7
13 2321 FRENCH CAPTAIN Lady Herries 6-11-1 (7 ex) .... M Kinane
14 003/0 HIGH OLD TIME J Harris 8-11-0 .... J A Harris
17 0000 LUCKY MISTAKE (CD) R Hodges 7-10-12 Peter Hobbs
20 1p/0 LISARDA W Guest 5-10-10 .... R Rowe
21 4-132 RACHEL'S DELIGHT (BF) D Morrill 5-10-7 .... –
22 0040 BUFFOON P Hayward 9-10-4 .... P Corrigan 7
23 3/200 RHINESTONE COWBOY (CD) A Madwar 5-10-4 .... –
26 p024 SPANISH BOLD M Ryan 4-10-0 .... J McLaughlin
27 1-000 GOD'S IMAGE D A Wilson 5-10-0 .... A Webber
29 0-p00 TAKACHIHO Mrs S Lamyman 12-10-0 .... P Carvill

1983: Havon Air 5-10-0 W Hayes (26-1) J Spearing 17 ran.

9-4 French Captain, 3 Asia Minor, 5 Cawarra Lad, 6 Spanish Bold, 8 Emlyn Princess, God's Image, 12 others.

2.0 PORT HOLME HANDICAP CHASE (£1,326: 3m 100yd) (13)

3 0314- RELDIS D Gandolfo 10-11-7 .... –
4 p-113 BREAC BAN R Champion 6-11-4 .... G McCourt
6 1f-31 GOOD AS EVER (CD) G Kidersley 7-11-2 (5 ex) A Webber
8 34-p0 GOLDENOGAN R Armytage 9-10-12 .... Miss G Armytage 7
10 4/1-13 BEE ORCHID K Bailey 8-10-11 .... R Rowe
12 212-6 BLACK MAGIC T Forster 8-10-9 .... R Dunwoody
13 p23p DICKLIS (B) M Barraclough 6-10-8 .... –
14 f00 RIVER RAMBLER N Henderson 7-10-7 .... S Smith Eccles
15 0-033 CASTLE WARDEN J Edwards 7-10-6 .... P Barton
16 3p40 SIR MARCUS D Pitcher 8-10-4 .... Mr D Pitcher
18 2223 TAR KNIGHT Rex Carter 7-10-0 .... –
21 403-0 MONEY MAD P Hayward 12-10-0 .... P Corrigan 7
22 0000 POOR EXCUSE O Henley 9-10-0 .... W Worthington

1983: Ben Spartan 10-10-5 S Smith Eccles (2-1 jt-fav) N Henderson 9 ran.

13-8 Good As Ever, 7-2 Reldis, 9-2 Tar Knight, 11-2 Breac Ban, 7 Black Magic, 10 others.

2.30 BOXING DAY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,224: 2m 100yd) (7)

1 0-313 RIVER RHEIN J Webber 7-11-10 .... G McCourt
2 0-010 FALKLAND PLACE (CD) D Gandolfo 7-11-9 .... P Barton
3 210p BASH STREET KID D Oughton 9-11-9 .... P Double
5 p-p30 VALE CHALLENGE P Felgate 10-10-13 .... –
6 4d4 LANDING BOARD (CD) P W Harris 6-10-12 .... R Stronge
9 12/02 COLE PORTER M Banks 9-10-0 .... R Rowe
11 4-000 DEAR REMUS J Harris 12-10-0 .... J A Harris

1983: Falkland Palace 6-10-4 P Barton (9-4) D Gandolfo 5 ran.

5-2 River Rhein, 7-2 Landing Board, 9-2 Falkland Palace, 6 Bash Street Kid, 10 Cole Porter, Vale Challenge, 16 Dear Remus.

3.0 ST IVO NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £739: 2m 4f) (14)

2 2214 AIRWAIR (CD) R Hodges 5-11-7 .... Peter Hobbs
3 d/04-1 MACEDONIAN (D) T Tate 6-11-7 .... –
4 0104 MAIDIGA (CD) M Barraclough 5-11-7 .... –
7 33-30 ARAPAHO PRINCE J Edwards 5-11-0 .... P Barton
9 00-00 DANISH FLIGHT N Henderson 5-11-0 .... S Smith Eccles
10 0000- GAWAINE T Rollingson 5-11-0 .... –
11 23-40 GEE-A J Gifford 5-11-0 .... R Rowe
13 00-03 LANGFORD BROOK M Dickinson 5-11-0 .... –
14 4-03 LOCH ARD O Sherwood 5-11-0 .... Mr S Sherwood
15 0-p0 LORD SOLENT M O'Halloran 5-11-0 .... R Dunwoody
16 p30-0 MANDY'S SEAL J Harris 6-11-0 .... J A Harris
23 AGHALOKPE Mrs S Lamyman 6-10-9 .... P Carvill
25 pp0-0 LE MARSH J Scallan 7-10-9 .... –
26 p2 PREACHER'S GEM K Bailey 5-10-9 .... A Webber

1983: Show House 5-11-7 P Double (5-4 fav) J Gifford 12 ran.

11-4 Macedonian, 4 Preacher's Gem, Airwair, 5 Gee-A, 13-2 Danish Flight, 8 Maidiga, 12 others.

NEWTON ABBOT

GOING: Soft

12.30 SOUTH WEST NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,866: 2m 150yd) (10 runners)

1 3-312 HYPNOSIS D Elsworth 5-12-1 .... R Arnott 4
3 42P-0 AFRICAN STAR J Roberts 5-11-10 .... R Hoare
6 0-0 BOARDSMANS SUPREMO D Tucker 5-11-10 .... B Powell
8 KALKUS O Carter 5-11-10 .... S Shilston
9 1322 MELDON LADY T Hallett 5-11-10 .... L Bloomfield 4
10 P/24-3 MORNING MATCH R Frost 9-11-10 .... J Frost
11 P-0 MUMMYS SWIFT T Hallett 5-11-10 .... B Wright
16 P-0 BONNE APPLEINA R Frost 7-11-5 .... D Wonnacott 7
18 0-0 ROSEZEL Mrs E Kennard 5-11-5 .... Mr A J Wilson
21 0 VALMAI R Hodges 5-11-5 .... Mr P McEwan 7

1983: Part 1, Ideo Lass 5 11 5 P Richards (5-1) J Payne 11 ran. Part 2, Garter Star 5 11 10 S Knight (6-1) B Forsey 10 ran.

6-4 Hypnosis, 5-2 Meldon Lady, 3 Morning Match, 8 African Star, 20 Boardmans Supremo, 25 others.

Newton Abbot selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Hypnosis. 1.0 Golden Hornet. 1.30 Rawdy. 2.0 Breezy Glen. 2.30 Armagnac Princess. 3.0 Open The Box.

1.0 MID DEVON NOVICE CHASE (2m 5f) £2,489: (14)

2 2/PP1 ROGAIRIO P Bailey 6-11-5 .... P Leach
5 6F-P6 CAPTAIN PAT J Baker 8-11-0 .... C Evans
8 3P3F FER-KIL B Forsey 8-11-0 .... –
9 4PPB- FLYING GEORDIE J Cobden 7-11-0 .... S Shilston
11 0-221 GOLDEN HORNET K Dunn 6-11-0 .... J Frost
16 0000/ PEEL BARTON P Sanders 8-11-0 .... R Millman
17 0F2P PERHAPS LUCKY D Elsworth 7-11-0 .... R Arnott 4
20 3333- SPANISH GOD C Popham 9-11-0 .... J Hurst 7
21 001-P SQUIRE TRELAWNY D Barons 7-11-0 .... –
23 P4-P1 WITHYMANS POOL N Ayliffe 10-11-0 .... M Ayliffe
26 PFPF GULDED GAMBLE J Wilkinson 7-10-9 .... Mrs J Mills
27 2300 MAGGIE DEE R Frost 7-10-9 .... D Wonnacott 7
28 3-0PU MY ALWAYS N Kernick 9-10-9 .... M Yeoman 7
29 P-P0 RANDAM JEST Mrs E Kennard 5-10-9 .... R Hoare

1983: Pampas Melody 7 11 7 J Frost (3-1) R Frost 11 ran.

5-2 Rogairio, 7-2 Golden Hornet, 5 Perhaps Lucky, 13-2 Spanish God, 8 Withymans Pool, 10 Fer-Kil, 12 Maggie Dee, 16 others.

1.30 SOUTH DEVON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,956: 2m 5f 110yd) (9)

3 9140- NINESTONES (CD) J Cobden 6-11-7 .... NON-RUNNER
6 40F5 SHOEMENDER P Rodford 7-11-5 .... C Gray
9 1-1000 GOLDEN BRIGADIER (B) J Old 6-11-3 .... P Murphy
10 00-01 CORNISH GRANITE M Pipe 6-11-3 (7 ex) .... R Dennis 4
14 P00-1 RAWDY J Spearing 8-10-2 .... –
20 F-P00 CARFLAX Miss S Waterman 6-10-3 .... S Waterman
22 PP-44 BOLT THE GATE D Williams 5-10-1 .... J Frost
23 0004 MAN ON THE RUN J Baker 9-10-0 .... –
26 42-00 PRINCE'S DRIVE (C) B Palling 6-10-0 .... C Evans 7

1983: Sunshine Gal 5 8 10 R Dennis (5-1) M Pipe 14 ran.

5-2 Man On The Run, 7-2 Cornish Granite, 4 Rawdy, 5 Shoemender, Golden Brigadier, 8 Bolt the Gate, 10 others.

2.0 CHRISTMAS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£536: 2m 150yd) (14)

1 434-0 BREEZY GLEN R Frost 4-11-10 .... J Frost
2 20-10 PAMPERED GIPSY (BF) J H Baker 5-11-9 .... –
4 0033 UNCLE DAI J Thomas 5-10-12 .... C Evans 7
5 0022 MASTER BOON (B) (BF) D Tucker 5-10-12 .... S Shilston
7 P-0P0 SMITHY LANE Miss S Waterman 6-10-8 .... Miss S Waterman
9 0400 GETTING PLENTY J Roberts 5-10-7 .... –
10 00P1 SANDICLIFFE AGAIN D Laing 5-10-7 (7 ex) .... –
12 004-F INDADO (B) R Williams 6-10-5 .... B Powell
14 4-00P MISS BLACK GLAMA (B) (CD) S W May 4-10-2 .... S May
15 0/06-0 OLIVER GOLDSMITH W Reed 5-10-1 .... D Wonnacott 7
16 P/0F0 CHEVRULLAH D Tucker 5-10-0 .... –
17 0043- IRISH WILLIAMS (B) T Hallett 4-10-0 .... L Bloomfield 4
18 400P WINNING BIRTHDAY W G Turner 4-10-0 .... Jessica Turner 7
19 0004 INSPIRED W G Turner 4-10-0 .... Miss T Turner

1983: Testing Times 5 10 3 Miss S Waterman (25-1) Miss S Waterman 16 ran.

3 Sandicliffe Again, 7-2 Pampered Gipsy, 9-2 Master Boon, 6 Uncle Dai, 8 Breezy Glen, 10 Getting Plenty, 12 Miss Black Gamma, 16 others.

2.30 LANGSTONE CLIFF HOTEL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,037: 3m 2f 100yd) (11)

1 11-40 ARMAGNAC PRINCESS R Frost 12-12-7 .... J Frost
3 P-03B GIDDYCAN (CD) K Bishop 9-11-0 .... –
7 0F03 VIRGIN SOLDIER J Old 8-10-0 .... P Murphy
9 P000 DONAGHMEYNE Miss L Bower 7-10-0 .... –
10 FUP0 CROWNING MOMENT (B) I Wardle 9-10-0 .... –
13 3400 BAULKING BYWAY Miss R Harper 9-10-0 .... Miss R Harper
14 0411 ROYSCAR (CD) J Chanin 7-10-9 (4 ex) .... R Millman
15 034P CHEADLE GREEN K Dunn 7-10-0 .... D Wonnacott 7
16 00-4U ROOK WOOD B Scriven 8-10-0 .... A Jones 7
17 2003 MASTER SMUDGE A Barrow 12-10-0 .... R Hoare
19 FP02 QUINNER P West 8-10-0 .... C Gray

1983: Giddycan 7 10 8 P Richards (9-4 fav) K Bishop 8 ran.

5-2 Royscar, 7-2 Armagnac Princess, 9-2 Virgin Soldier, 6 Giddycan, 8 Cheadle Green, 10 Baulking Byway, 16 others.

3.0 SOUTH WEST NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,870: 2m 150yd (16)

2 0 CAPPAGH CLEUGH P Sanders 10-11-10 .... –
3 3B/04 DRAGON PALACE D Elsworth 6-11-10 .... R Arnott 4
5 43/43- GLAZEPTA AGAIN O Carter 5-11-10 .... S Shilston
6 4030 ISOM DART T Hallett 5-11-10 .... B Wright
7 P-F0P JAGATEK M Lawrence 8-11-10 .... A O'Hagen
9 00-314 MEARLIN J Old 5-11-10 .... P Murphy
10 2 OPEN THE BOX G Balding 5-11-10 .... R Chapman 4
11 F POLAR STAR M Pipe 5-11-10 .... P Leach
13 0/00P- SOLDIER ON J Payne 5-11-10 .... Philip Hobbs
14 TARR STEPS K Dunn 5-11-10 .... J Forst
15 P320- TUDOR SQUIRE D Tucker 7-11-10 .... –
18 P VENETIAN WARRIOR M Pipe 8-11-10 .... R Dennis 4
19 22 CORAL DELIGHT Mrs T Pilkington 5-11-5 .... Mr A J Wilson
20 0PU-10 LILLE (B) (BF) B Forsey 5-11-5 .... –
22 0-FU0 MY FLYAWAY N Kernick 6-11-5 .... M Yeoman 7
24 040-P TRUE MINSTREL Mrs S Hembrow 6-11-5 .... Mrs J Hembrow

1983: Part 1 Sammy Lux 5 11 11 Mr P Schofield (3-1 jt-fav) K Dunn 11 ran. Part 2 Norfolk Storm 5 11 10 J Williams (11-4 fav) L Kennard 11 ran.

11-4 Open The Box, 7-2 Mearlin, 9-2 Coral Delight, 11-2 Glazepta Again, 10 Isom Dart, Dragon Palace, 16 Tudor Squire, 20 others.

● The Last Prince's victory in the South Yorkshire Road Specialists Novices' Chase at Nottingham on Saturday, in which *Peter Easterby's charge* beat the favourite, Geata An Uisce, five lengths, resulted in a stewards inquiry into the improvement in running of the gelding as compared with his performance at Catterick earlier in the month, when he pulled up before the 12th fence. David Dutton, his jockey, explained that at Catterick he was instructed to drop The Last Prince in the middle division, but he showed no enthusiasm, hung badly and, in view of the geldings's previous leg trouble, he decided to pull him up, a decision that was not supported by the trainer after the race. The stewards recorded his explanation.

● Patrick Farrell, Monica Dickinson's claiming rider who injured his wrist at Sedgefield last month, returns on Turf at the same course on Boxing Day.

MARKET RASEN

GOING: good to soft

12.45 RISBY SELLING HURDLE (£669: 2m) (16 runners)

1 0410 BATON MATCH (D) M Chapman 4-11-5 .... –
5 FASHION LOVER A Balding 4-10-7 .... –
8 0-0 HOT BETTY Ron Thompson 4-10-7 .... NON RUNNER
10 0040 BARNALYRA (B) G Morgan 3-10-5 .... –
11 0 BUCKMINSTER BOY W Wharton 3-10-5 .... M Brennan
12 0p MISCHIEVOUS JACK J Scallan 3-10-5 .... J McLaughlin
13 0p00 MOHAR (B) N Tinkler 3-10-5 .... N Tinkler
16 STEVULA D Garraton 3-10-5 .... Mr R J Beggan
19 p0 DARING FRANK T Kersey 3-10-0 .... –
20 f DECKI'S PRIDE J Harris 3-10-0 .... –
21 03 DOWNTOWN FOXY D Ringer 3-10-0 .... S McNeill
22 u0 JACKS FOLLEY J Harris 3-10-0 .... D Coakley 4
23 ORBITAL MANOEUVERS B McMahon 3-10-0 .... –
25 200 RECORD SUPREME M Lambert 3-10-0 .... –
26 40 RIBOBELLE Ron Thompson 3-10-0 .... NON RUNNER
27 00 SOCHER A Ingham 3-10-0 .... –

1983: Buy Intersport 3-10-5 S J O'Neill (6-1) A Potts 15 ran.

5-2 Buckminster Boy, 7-2 Downtown Foxy, 5 Socher, Baton Match, 7 Barnalyra, Mohar, 12 others.

Market Rasen selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Buckminster Boy. 1.15 Kilroe's Calin. 1.45 Prelko. 2.15 Zamandra. 2.45 Steel Venture. 3.15 Kevinsfort.

1.15 LIMBER HILL NOVICE CHASE (£1,018: 2m) (5)

2 40-01 NERO WOLF O Brennan 7-12-2 .... M Brennan
4 0-412 SAUCEPOT (BF) G Richards 6-11-13 .... D Coakley 4
12 0-30f KELSEY LADY M Lambert 6-11-4 .... Mr R J Beggan
14 01-21 KILROE'S CALIN (D) J FitzGerald 5-11-8 .... R O'Leary
17 1-p0u HARBOUR BAZAAR M Chapman 4-10-9 .... –

1983: Cybrandian 5-11-6 Mr T Easterby (5-4 fav) M H Easterby 10 ran.

8-11 Kilroe's Calin, 5-2 Saucepot, 4 Kelsey Lady, 5 Nero Wolf, 20 Harbour Bazaar.

1.45 KILVINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,962: 2m 4f) (21)

1 1p-00 PRELKO (B) (CD) J FitzGerald 9-11-10 .... R O'Leary
2 1/3-00 MISS GOLDEN EYES B McMahon 7-11-2 .... Mr E McMahon 7
7 0310- ODIC (CD) R Wright 10-10-10 .... P Caldwell 7
9 00/30 THE OWLS M Tompkins 5-10-7 .... J Owls
11 4300 PADYKIN (C) G Morgan 4-10-6 .... S Johnson
12 003/0 HIGH OLD TIME J Harris 8-10-6 .... –
14 200-1 RANDOMLY D Morrill 5-10-5 (7 ex) .... Mr R J Beggan
15 2034 MAYHEM J Dooler 11-10-4 .... M Pepper
16 00-00 FINALE SEPT H Fleming 4-10-2 .... NON RUNNER
18 2030 A T S PRINCE K Stone 5-10-1 .... D Coakley 4
21 p00u- SUDBROOKE PARK (D) O Brennan 6-10-0 .... M Brennan
22 0/000 MAJESTIC BAY (B) M Dickinson 10-10-0 .... –
23 2/up0- MALICIOUS RED J Leigh 8-10-0 .... P Blackburn 7
24 0000 NOBLE WAY M Chapman 4-10-0 .... –
25 0110 GRANGEHILL Miss G Rees 9-10-0 .... Mr R J Beggan
27 00-00 KATIE BOURNE E Carter 4-10-0 .... –
28 4000 TOMMY GUNNER (C) H Fleming 4-10-0 .... D Oldham
29 13f-0 STEP ASHORE Mrs K Coulman 5-10-0 .... D Wills 4
31 400-p ROON THE BEN (B) Mrs K Coulman 4-10-0 .... –
32 00-00 SUPER SPARK R Perkins 5-10-0 .... –
33 0400 DEMON KING J Thorpe 5-10-0 .... Miss J Vergette 7

1983: Prelko 8-11-3 R O'Leary (5-4 fav) J FitzGerald 8 ran.

11-4 Prelko, 9-2 Randomly, 6 Mayhem, 8 The Owls, 9 ATS Prince, 10 Grangehill, 12 Padykin, 16 others.

2.15 BRUCE CARR MEMORIAL TROPHY NOVICE CHASE (£2,175: 3m) (8)

1 u010 BALLYGROOBY R Perkins 7-12-0 .... –
3 pu22 KING'S BRIG G Richards 8-11-9 .... D Coakley 4
4 4-020 MACOLIVER C A Bell 6-11-9 .... –
7 421 ZAMANDRA J FitzGerald 9-11-8 .... R O'Leary
8 3004 CALDWELL CASE (B) (CD) R Swiers 9-11-7 Mr S Swiers 7
10 230f CONICULATE C Lee 6-11-2 .... S Johnson
11 04-20 ICE HILL (B) D Ringer 8-11-2 .... S McNeill
14 003 MISTY SPIRIT D Lee 5-11-7 .... –

1983: Andromа 6-11-7 R O'Leary (4-1) J FitzGerald 8 ran.

7-4 Zamandra, 3 Macoliver, 7-2 King's Brig, 7 Caldwell Case, 8 Ballygrooby, 10 Ice Hill, 14 others.

2.45 ACCURATE NOVICE HURDLE (£834: 2m) (10)

1 0104 MAIDIGA M Barraclough 5-11-3 .... –
2 100 STEEL VENTURE M Ryan 5-11-3 .... J McLaughlin
4 00-04 COLLAROY J Leigh 6-10-10 .... P Blackburn 7
6 0 ELUCIDATE (BF) Ron Thompson 5-10-10 NON RUNNER
8 00-00 LUCKY CHOICE M Hinchliffe 5-10-10 .... T Gibson 7
9 0/p0p- MAJESTIC STAR D Morrill 7-10-10 .... Mr S Andrews 4
16 3320 TIN BOY (B) D Ringer 5-10-10 .... S McNeill
18 0 BROX TREASURE Mrs M Dickinson 5-10-5 Mr R J Beggan
20 pp0f MEDICI SOVEREIGN (B) L Kendall 6-10-5 .... M Brennan
21 0440 MY NAME IS NOBODY J Young 6-10-5 .... S Holland

1983: Keelby Kavalier 5-11-3 R O'Leary (4-7 fav) M Lambert 15 ran.

5-4 Brox Treasure, 3 Tin Boy, 9-2 Steel Venture, 10 My Name is Nobody, 12 Collaroy, 16 others.

3.15 KERNEL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,564: 2m) (4)

4 p-p30 VALE CHALLENGE (CD) P Felgate 10-11-7 .... S McNeill
5 3212 PERCIPIENT (CD) G Richards 10-11-7 .... D Coakley 4
6 u212 KEVINSFORT (D) J G FitzGerald 6-11-1 (5 ex) R O'Leary
8 b4-11 PHILNORM (CD) D Gandolfo 7-10-5 .... Mr R J Beggan

1983: Royal Radar 7-10-13 A Broughman (9-2) D Moorhead 7 ran.

4-6 Kevinsfort, 5-2 Philnorm, 7-2 Percipient, 8 Vale Challenge.

SEDGEFIELD

Going: good to soft

12.45 HARDWELL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE. (£436: 2m 4 f) (9 runners)

1 3112 KINDRED (CD) (BF) Ronald Thompson 8-12-2 (6 ex) Jayne Thompson 7
3 0-201 REAY'S SONG (CD) M Naughton 10-11-8 .... D Franks 7
5 0042 NORTHERN KNIGHT Ron Thompson 7-11-8 .... R Balfour 7
7 02FO RECORD SUPREME M Lambert 3-10-4 .... A Chalton
8 PU40 GRADWOOD E Alston 9-10-3 .... K Doolan 4
9 2233 WARREN GORSE S Avery 10-10-3 .... –
12 0020 HIGH BARN B Charnley 5-10-0 .... –
13 030P CARLINGFORD BAY R Gray 5-10-0 .... K Teelan 4
14 00P0- CAVEMAN B Charnley 10-10-0 .... S Turner

1983: Rich Discovery 7-10-0 Mr T Jeffrey (15-2) J Jeffrey 18 ran.

7-4 Kindred, 11-4 Northern Knight, 4 Reay's Song, 6 Record supreme, 10 Warren Gorse, 12 High Barn, 20 others.

Sedgefield selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Kindred. 1.15 Bonny Gold. 1.45 Unscrupulous Judge. 2.15 Drum Rullagh. 2.45 Numerate. 3.15 Merry Jane.

1.15 I.T.M. HANDICAP HURDLE. (£1,735: 2m 4f) (13)

2 0-020 MOUNTAIN HAYS M H Easterby 9-11-10 .... D Dutton
4 1-433 TURI A Smith 5-11-5 .... P A Farrell 7
5 F-001 BONNY GOLD (CD) Mrs C Postlethwaite 6-11-1 (7ex) P A Charlton
6 0012 MOUNT RULE (CD) (BF) D Yeoman 4-11-3 .... K Jones
7 230/P BASTROP Ron Thompson 6-11-2 .... Jayne Thompson 7
9 20/PO SHARP TOR M W Easterby 6-10-8 .... M Hindley
10 200-1 RANDOMLY D Morrill 5-10-9 (7 ex) .... –
11 4-313 WHATS WHAT K Stone 5-10-5 .... B Storey
12 2030 A T S PRINCE K Stone 5-10-5 .... –
15 2003 ARMENISTIS (C) (B) S Leadbetter 5-10-0 .... –
17 13-FO HUNYAK HOUSE R Fisher 4-10-0 .... –
18 4100- BURGLARS WALK Denys Smith 4-10-0 .... C Grant
19 00-00 KATIE BOURNE E Carter 4-10-0 .... N Doughty

1983: Secrets Final 4-10-10 D Oldham (5-1) M Lambert 21 ran.

6-4 Whats what, 3 Turi, 7-2 Mount Rule, 6 Bonny Gold, 12 Mountain Hays, 20 others.

1.45 BRADBURY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,648: 3m 600yds) (8)

1 200-0 MR SNUGFIT (CD) M W Easterby 7-11-10 .... D Dutton
2 OP31 UNSCRUPULOUS JUDGE W A Stephenson 7-11-8 (7 ex) Mr P J Dun
5 043F GEARYS COLD ROLLED Deny Smith 7-10-13 .... C Grant
6 31F2 STRAWHILL E Alston 9-10-11 (7 ex) .... K Doolan 4
10 1233 WELFARE G Richards 8-10-5 .... N Doughty
11 04F4 GREEK MENELEK J Charlton 8-10-0 .... B Storey
12 0-04P MISS WOOD (C) R Robinson 9-10-0 .... G W Gray
13 00-UP COMMAGH S Leadbetter 8-10-0 .... M Barnes

1983: Mr Snugfit 6-10-12 M Barnes (100-30) M W Easterby 12 ran.

15-8 Unscrupulous Judge, 11-4 Strawhill, 4 Welfare, 6 Gearys Cold Rolled, 8 Mr Snugfit, 10 Commagh, 20 others.

2.15 RENT ROLL CUP (Handicap chase: £1,205: 2m) (8)

3 4123 VEILED CITY (CD) (BF) F Story 8-11-12 .... B Storey
4 300P KUMON SUNSHINE (CD) (B) D Yeoman 7-11-2 N Doughty
5 0-000 ORP BALTIC (D) E Alston 5-11-1 .... K Doolan 4
6 1014 TROILENA (CD) R Fisher 8-11-1 (7 ex) .... –
7 1U1-0 DRUM RULLAGH (D) (BF) M Lambert 9-10-12 P A Charlton
9 00-02 STARLIGHT LAD R Bethell 10-10-5 .... C Grant
11 4110 DR GUILLOTINE (CD) W Fairgrieve 9-10-0 .... M Barnes
12 034U ANOTHER FLAME V Thompson 7-10-0 Mr M Thompson 7

1983: Percipient 8-11-7 N Doughty (3-1) G Richards 8 ran.

9-4 Veiled City, 11-4 Troilena, 9-2 Drum Rullagh, 6 Starlight Lad, 8 Dr Guillotine, 12 Orp Baltic, 16 others.

2.45 BOXING DAY NOVICE CHASE. (£786: 2m 4f) (16)

1 21F2 REJUVENATOR (CD)(BF) G Richards 8-12-3 .... N Doughty
4 2000 TOM NOEL (C) M Naughton 9-11-12 .... P A Farrell 7
6 3/130 WENSLEYDALE J Parkes 6-11-12 .... R Balour 7
7 1321 NUMERATE (CD) R fisher 5-11-11 .... –
8 0-443 BORDER KNIGHT J Haldane 9-11-7 .... –
9 F4F4- CASTELLACK V Thompson 6-11-7 .... Mr M Thompson
10 4000/ CLEM Denys Smith 7-11-7 .... C Grant
11 OPFO FORT NELSON W A Stephenson 6-11-7 .... Mr P J Dun
12 0000 FROSTY TOUCH Mrs E Slack 6-11-7 .... B Storey
13 P/4UO GRAY THATCH C Parker 8-11-7 .... Mr C Storey7
14 0-P4P IMPAGE R Robinson 6-11-7 .... Mandy Harrison 7
18 O/P ROYAL JET G Firbairn 7-11-7 .... –
20 0/000 SUPER TONY F Walton 7-11-7 .... Mr J Walton
21 0000 SWAFFHAM S Leadbetter 6-11-7 .... Mr R Shiels 7
22 OOPP CELIA J Robinson 6-11-2 .... Mr R Robinson
23 003P MENDELITA (B) P Courage 8-11-2 .... C Fairhurst

1983: No corresponding race.

5-2 Rejuvenator, 7-2 Numerate, 9-2 Border Knight, 6 Wensleydale, 8 Tom Noel, 10 Castellack, 12 Clem, 20 others.

3.15 MORDON NOVICE HURDLE. (3YO: £548: 2m) (14)

1 1 MERRY JANE E Owen jun 11-3 .... K Burke 7
2 0 BUNRANNOCH HOUSE R Fisher 10-12 .... –
3 00 CHEERFUL DAYS A Scott 10-12 .... P A Charlton
8 000 MAGNOX N Chamberlain 10-12 .... S Keightley
9 0P MR SPONGE D Lamb 10-12 .... –
10 PADDY HAYTON S Leadbetter 10-12 .... M Barnes
11 OP20 PRINCE BUBBLY (B) M Avison 10-12 .... G W Gray
12 000 RIVER LUNE K Stone 10-12 .... D Dutton
13 0 SEA SCRIPT Denys Smith 10-12 .... C Grant
14 00 SMART JACK R Fisher 10-12 .... N Doughty
15 0 STAN'S FOLLY S Payne 10-12 .... B Storey
18 CORRIE MISS Miss Z Green 10-7 .... –
19 DONNA FARINA G Richards 10-7 .... J Hansen 4
20 0 MORSOLA Mrs E Slack 10-7 .... R Balfour 7

1983: Roon The Ben 10-12 D Wilkinson (7-4) C Thornton 6 ran.

5-4 Merry Jane, 4 River Lune, 6 Smart Jack, 8 Donna Farina, Mrs Sponge, 12 Sea Script, 20 others.

Course specialists

KEMPTON PARK

TRAINERS: F Winter 47 winners from 173 runners: 27.2%; F Walwyn 20 from 81: 24.7%; N Henderson 14 from 59: 23.7%.
JOCKEYS: J Francome 42 winners from 183 rides: 23.0%: P Scudamore 16 from 144: 11.1%; Steve Knight 6 from 58: 10.3%.

WETHERBY

TRAINERS: M H Easterby 45 winners from 172 runners: 26.2%; G Richards 17 from 124: 13.7%; Denys Smith 15 from 113: 13.3%.
JOCKEYS: G Bradley 12 winners from 55 rides: 21.8%; R Lamb 25 from 162: 15.4%; P Tuck 11 from 130: 8.5%.

MARKET RASEN

TRAINERS: M H Easterby 25 winners from 91 runners: 27.5%; J Fitzgerald 20 from 98: 22.2%; G Richards 12 from 42: 28.6%.
JOCKEYS: S Johnson 13 winners from 86 rides: 15.1%; M Brennan 15 from 154: 9.7%.

SEDGEFIELD

TRAINERS: M H Easterby 19 winners from 67 runners: 28.4%; M W Easterby 8 from 53: 15.1%; Denys Smith 26 from 140: 18.6%.
JOCKEYS: C Grant 30 winners from 194 rides: 15.5%; K Jones 6 from 54: 11.1%; N Doughty 12 from 110: 10.9%.

WOLVERHAMPTON

TRAINERS: Mrs M Rimell 21 winners from 78 runners: 26.9%; J Edwards 12 from 68: 17.6%; J Spearing 7 from 39: 17.6%.
JOCKEYS: S Morshead 27 winners from 121 rides: 22.3%; C Smith 5 from 71: 7.3%; R Crank 6 from 92: 6.5%.

WINCANTON

TRAINERS: F Walwyn 24 winners from 84 runners: 28.6%; F Winter 20 from 71: 28.2%; S Pattemore 14 from 93: 15.1%.
JOCKEYS: K Mooney 16 winners from 98 rides: 16.3%; H Davies 12 from 112: 10.7%.

HUNTINGDON

TRAINERS: J Gifford 33 winners from 162 runners: 20.4%; D Gandolfo 13 from 66: 19.7%; N Henderson 9 from 54: 16.7%.
JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles 33 winners from 134 rides: 24.6%; R Rowe 19 from 120: 15.8%; P Barton 12 from 77: 15.6%.

NEWTON ABBOT

TRAINERS: D Elsworth 13 winners from 49 runners: 26.6%; G Balding 14 from 76: 18.4%; D Barons 18 from 132: 13.6%.
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RUGBY UNION: RETURN TO FORM OF STAND-OFF HALF DEAN A HIGHLIGHT OF THE FINAL TRIAL AT LANSDOWNE ROAD

Irish pick two new caps to face England

By George Ace

There are two new caps in the Ireland team to meet England at *Lansdowne Road* on *January 19*: Brian Spillane, a 24-year-old doctor from Limerick, and Nigel Carr (25) who last week was awarded his PhD at Queen's University, Belfast.

Carr's inclusion as the open-side wing forward in place of Sexton was not unexpected. He would have made the Irish side last season but for a leg injury that kept him on the sidelines for 18 months.

Spillane, chosen at No 8 in place of Kearney, also missed a lot of rugby over the past 12 months with a knee injury and only regained his Provincial place against Leinster earlier this month.

The Irish team shows three changes from that which lost to Australia, with Crossan, an original choice for that match but a non-starter owing to a virus, resuming on the left wing for Kiernan, who switches inside

England squad, page 16

Saturday's trial, which the senior side, the Whites, won 26-17, produced seven tries. There was superb running, particularly from the Whites, whose wings Ringland and Crossan scored tries, something of a rarity in Irish rugby.

The most pleasing aspect for the selectors must have been the return to form of Paul Dean, the stand-off half. A brilliant schoolboy, Dean has long lingered in the shadow of Campbell and Ward. He was criticized after a below-par display against Australia but looked a different player on Saturday.

TEAM: H P MacNeill (Oxford University and Blackrock College); T M Ringland (Ballymena), B J Mullin (Dublin University), M J Kiernan (Lansdowne), K Crossan (Instonians), P M Dean (St Mary's College), M T Bradley Cork Constitution); P A Orr (Old Wesley), C F Fitzgerald (St Mary's College, capt), J J McCoy (dungannon), P M Matthews (Ards), D G Lenihan (Cork Constitution), W A Anderson (Dungannon), N J Carr (Ards), B Spillane (Limerick Bohemians).
REPLACEMENTS: J P K Barry (Cork Constitution), M C Finn (Cork Constitution), R C Brady (Queen's University, Belfast), H T Harbison (Bective Rangers), M P Fitzpatrick (Wanderers), B W McCall (London Irish).

Pontypool misers give Bath only small change

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Pontypool	18
Bath	10

The spirit of Christmas may have been abroad over the weekend but it was not to be found at Pontypool Park. Bath scored first and last; in between they were pounded and pulverized at forward by a Scrooge-like Pontypool intent only upon giving Bishop, their scrum half, a good time. They did so to such effect that he scored twice in a win by three tries and two penalty goals to a goal and a try.

Entertainment, of course, is not what one attends Pontypool Park for, particularly on a dank December Saturday with mud under-foot and the rain swirling around the floodlights. Bath produced the odd splutter of back play, but they could do little without the ball.

Pontypool had all the ball but had no ambition to do anything more with it than drive off the back row or scrum half, kick, drive again and scrummage the life out of the opposition. It produces wins and their spectators enjoy the success without necessarily requiring style to go with it.

One of the realities of English rugby is coming to terms with a hard Welsh pack on their own midden and Bath have acquired more respect than most in their willingness to do so. Blasted out of the scrums, struggling desperately in the lineout until Redman and Hall began to collect some second half ball, they nevertheless hung on. It was as well, perhaps, that Clive Norling was in charge, since play was not at its prettiest in the first half and Perkins (playing his 400th game for Pontypool) and Gaymond, of Bath, were warned.

Ultimately it became a bore. *There were aspects you could* admire, the grinding efficiency of Pontypool at scrum and maul, the spider-like Brown at the back of the lineout. Bishop's acceleration, which might have been illuminating except for the inevitability of the ball eventuay returning to the forwards.

Bath tried to play fluid rugby. Their passing and running Palmer - who is to captain the South and South West division against the *Romanians* on New Year's day - Halliday, and even the damp, neglected Trick had their moments.

Each rare incursion to Pontypool's twenty-two had to pay dividends, and it did not, whereas, whenever Pontypool forced an error near the Bath line they scored: penalty by *Lewis* after a scrum collapsed. Bishop diving into the heels of his forwards at a five metre scrum or darting to the blind side from another Lewis also kicked another penalty (his side's only second half score) after a scrummage infringement. Pontypool's best moment was their first try when *Bishop cantered round the* front of a line-out with Squire and Steve Jones, and Davies squeezed in at the corner.

It was appropriate that both Bath scores should go to their ahrd working back row. Simpson pick up at a scrum gave Hall a fourth minute try and the No8 himself scored *frim* a five metre scrum in the dying minutes. It may all have been what the Pontypool faithfull enjoy: I prefer to think that my 10-year-old son had a point when he asked at the end if he could not be taken to see Pontypool again. The poor, deluded child still believes rugy to be a more generous game.

SCORERS: *Pontypool: Tries Bishop (2), Davies; Penalties: Lewis (2). Bath Tries: Hall Simpson; Conversion: Palmer*

PONTYPOOL: P Lewis; G Davies, L Faulkner, L Jones, B Taylor; A Parry, D Bishop; Staff Jones, Steve Jones, G Price, J Squire, J Perkins, K Moseley, M Brown E Butler (captain.)

BATH: C Martin; D Trick, S Halliday, J Palmer, B Trevaskis; J Horton, R Hill; G Chilcott, G *Bess, R Lee, R Spurrell (captain), N Redman, N* Gaymond, J Hall, P Simpson.

Referee: C Norling (Swansea).

Holmes gets back into the picture

By Gerald Davies

Cardiff	34
Bridgend	13

It was not a promising start. After negotiating the convoluted series of passageways and stairs to get to the Cardiff ground on time, the pitch was found to be covered with large areas of surface water of the kind no isolated winger wants to encounter too soon on a cold day.

Then there was the matter of the presentation, you see, down on the touchline. Stan Bowes, chairman of Cardiff RFC, stood on the side of the gangway and presented a portrait of Terry Holmes to the *great man himself who stood on the* other side of the gangway.

From underneath the tunnel leading on to the pitch emerged Gareth Williams, leading his Bridgend team. Very *Buster Keato*nish, *he ran straight into the portrait* and broke the glass and gashed his knee. He had to have five stitches inserted and played no further part in the proceedings.

As the whistle blew at last for the start of the game, a Mr Yule, would you believe, was asked for over the loudspeaker system to take an urgent telephone call. We all hoped that the festive season was not to be cancelled.

As for the game, it turned out to be a good one. Despite the endless drizzling rain both sides, defying the rsrictions, managed an attacking game and very well it was done, too.

Inevitably, the focus fell on Terry Holmes, whose first game this was in the Cardiff team since October 17, although he had already played twice with the Cardiff "Rags". For the most part he played completely within himself, passing accurately to Davies, who had another magesterial game, or kicking for position.

Once, as if testing himself, he burst through a crowded lineout and emerged the other side which very nearly brought a try in the first half. However, he did get in on the try-scoring act when he bagged a brace in the second half.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Tries: T Holmes (2), P Rees, A Hadley, R Lakin, Penalties, G Davies (2). Conversions: G Davies (4). Bridgend: Try: T Lewis. Penalties: H Davies.

CARDIFF: P Rees; G Cordle, M Ring, A J Donovan, A Hadley; W G Davies, T D Holmes (captain); C Collins, A J Phillips, S Blackmore (rep, J Souto) R Lakin, K Edwards, R Noster, G Roberts, S Perry-Ellis.

BRIDGEND: *H Davies; T Lewis, K Yardley, M* Titley, G Webb; S Brown, H Llewellyn; M Griffiths, C Hillman, P Davies, D Arthur, A Owen, W Howe (captain), M Budd, S Bryant.

Referee: L Peard.

Having a ball: Collins, the London Welsh lock forward, in possession against Leicester (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Wales give cause for pride

In these striken times a sneaking feeling of patriotism – the last refuge of the scoundrel, I admit – may be permissible (Gerald Davies writes). It washard to resist the rising flush of colour around the collar on Saturday as the Welsh Schools, against the odds, beat the touring New Zealand Schools 12-9, by one goal and two penalties to a goal and a penalty.

The visitors, after all, had not so much won all their matehes as blown all opposition out of sight. They had amassed 167 points in *their four games to date and, in* Wales, had scored 15 tries while conceding none themselves.

Holmes, the New Zealand full back, scored a penalty in the seventh minute, but Wales responded with a try by Williams. Evans converted from the touchline, and added two penalties either side at half-time. The sound of the Haka, performed impressively by the rest of the touring party in the South Terrace, inspired Rae to a late try for the visitors which Holmes converted.

SCORERS: Wales: Try: Williams. Conversion: Evans, Penalties: Evans 2. New Zealand: Try: Rae. Conversion: Holmes. Penalty: Holmes.

WALES: M Evans (Aberaeron); S Allan (Neath), S Davies (Tregib), N Thomas (Ystalyfera), R Windle (Cynffig); L Evans (Cwmtawe), R Morgans (St Cyres) (rep: A Booth, Bishop Gore); J Mainwaring (St Julians), J Hudson (Morriston), G Bundock (Amman Valley), J Williams (Strade) (rep: P Evans, Cardinal Newman), S Gale (Graig), J Antoniazzi (Graig), J Jenkins (Neath), D Bryant (Bryntirion, capt).

NEW ZEALAND: W Holmes; D Hallgand, R Ellison, W Mauseall, C Dorgan; S Bachop, J Preston; N Mantell, M Stone (capt), P Jansen, D Parkes, R Brooke, S Gordon, D Monkley, P Rae.

Referee: R G Beamish (Irish RU).

Leicester engulfed by red tide

By Nicholas Keith

London Welsh	25
Leicester	17

London Welsh broke a losing sequence of three matches against Leicester in a tale of two halves at the Old Deer Park on Saturday. They started like the tortoise and gave Leicester a 17-point start before taking control after the interval and running out worthy winners by two goals, a try and three penalty goals to a goal, two tries and a penalty.

Leicester's own Hare was in sprightly mood, showing good speed around the field and making a timely interception to set up his side's third try. Yet the visitors were never convincing, and they were eventually engulfed by a red tide as, in the second half, they failed to reach their opponents' 22.

The Welsh simply kept plodding away until their steady momentum slowly took them into a new gear. As the match wore on they began to win most of the loose ball, of which there was a festive abundance. Too many kicks were off target, and there was some mishandling on a grey day, with the drizzle turning into a downpour before the end.

Tressler, the Leicester hooker, stole a try at the front of a line out in the third minute, and then *Underwood* won a race with *Hughes* for a well placed chip by Woodward. Hare kicked a penalty after an ill-timed speech to the referee by Rees that cost the Welsh an extra 10 metres. Then Hare intercepted a promising Welsh attack and from the ensuing line-out Woodward made a half-break before sending in Evans.

Price put the Welsh back in the game by kicking a penalty and converting a try by Bradley from a rolling maul early in the second half. The best try of the match was made by George, who ran laterally from a scrummage and delayed his pass to *Leleu perfectly*, so that Dodge completely *mistimed* his tackle, and the Leicester defence parted like the Red Sea. Thomas went in for the try and Price converted before kicking two penalties as Leicester fell apart like an overcooked turkey.

An extra dollop of stuffing was supplied by Hughes, who out-*stripped Hare* in a chase for a kick by George for the final try.

SCORERS: London Welsh: Tries: Bradley, Thomas, Hughes. Conversions: Price (2). Penalties: Price (3). Leicester: Tries: Tressler, Underwood, Evans. Conversion: Hare. Penalty: Hare.

LONDON WELSH: P Thomas; J Hughes, R Ackerman, G Leleu, C Rees; *C Price*, J George; T Jones, B Light, B Bradley, S Russell, E Lewis, J Collins, B Morgan, K Bowring.

LEICESTER: W Hare; B Evans, P Dodge, C Woodward, R Underwood; L Cusworth, S Kenney; S Redfern, C Tressler, W Richardson; J Wells, N Joyce, M Foulkes-Arnold, D Richards, I Smith.

Referee: R Quittenton (London).

Making a jig out of a laboured rhythm

By Gordon Allan

Richmond	13
Harlequins	6

One seasoned observer said there were three minutes of good rugby at Richmond on Saturday. He did not say which three. But Richmond were pleased enough with their 80 minutes of labour in this London merit table match, for they beat Harlequins by a goal, a try and a penalty goal to two penalties.

The ball was wet. Injuries were numerous. The best players played below form and the average players did not, on average, rise above it. A conscientious referee awarded 34 penalties. There was more kicking than running. Now guess what kind *of match it was.*

My casting vote would have Richmond deserving to win. Their forwards knew what they were doing, and Mapp, the former Blackheath flanker, had a fine time in the loose, as did Weekes for Harlequins. Simon Smith, the Richmond stand-off kicked well – *decisively so in the second half.*

Lacking Milne, Cuthbertson and Cooke, the Harlequins forwards could make little headway, and the backs were strangely tentative. For once, the Harlequin shirt of many colours was beige. Rose missed four penalties out of six.

The two penalties that Rose did kick gave Harlequins a 6-0 lead, which Richmond had erased by half-time with a try by Heaton, finding eager buyers for two dummies, and the conversion by Simon Smith. Smith kicked a penalty in the second half, and near the end Kelly scored a try from a scrum in the corner, which prompted Mills, the Richmond prop, to do an ecstatic jig back to the halfway line as though his side had just won the John Player Cup.

SCORERS: Richmond: Tries: Heaton, Kelly. Conversion: S Smith. Penalty: S Smith. Harlequins: Penalties: Rose (2).

RICHMOND: M Humberstone; S Peacock, J Heaton, D Guyatt, R Crawford; S Smith, S Kelly; C Mills, T Evans, J Thorn, J Smith (rep: D Gavins), W Biddell, M Slagter, J Mapp, M James.

HARLEQUINS: M Rose; S Moriarty, J Salmon, A Thompson, W Jefferson; M Fletcher, A Woodhouse; M Claxton, J Oliver, G Claxton, E Weekes, S Holland, W Watt, T Bell, C Butcher.

Referee: P McGovern (Sussex).

Headingley triumph

By Michael Stevenson

Headingley will have been as encouraged by the fact that Peter Winterbottom, their England flank forward, injured for virtually the whole season, has survived a game at centre recently for a junior team as by the fact that a dour attritional, defensive slog, brought them victory in their northern merit table match, against Wakefield on Saturday.

Howarth, the Headingley stand-off, contributed the game's only points after five minutes with a well taken penalty, and Headingley survived some fierce second half pressure from Wakefield.

Sadly, Barley, Wakefield's England centre, went off with an ankle injury after 20 minutes and must be regarded as doubtful starter for the North's match against Romania.

West Park became only the second side to beat Widnes this winter with a narrow victory by 20-17, while Middlesborough, who led the qualifying table for so long, before a couple of defeats, registered a decisive victory over Gosforth (30-12) to keep alive their hopes of promotion to the merit table.

Vale of Lune continued their successful run, after their defeat of Fylde the previous week, with a good win (15-3) against Boughton Park, who certainly proved themselves to be far sterner opposition; nevertheless the result was not in doubt after the interval.

Jubilation in the North

By Ian McLauchlan

As the final whistle blew at Hughenden, Glasgow on Saturday the North and Midlands players celebrated as if they had won the Grand Slam instead of their first game in 27 outings.

The 14-13 points win over Glasgow was a credit to their opportunism and their dogged defence. The North scored all their points in the first half through tries by Rikkie, Scott and an interception try by Edwards which MacGregor converted. Glasgow replied with a try by Gossman and a penalty by Brown. In the second half the North held out until 81st minute when Nicholson scored from a push over. Brown converted, but missed a penalty three minutes later to allow the North and Midlands their long-awaited celebration.

The Anglo-Scots tore Edinburgh apart in the first half of their match, scoring 13 points, but then faded away, conceding 22 points after the break.

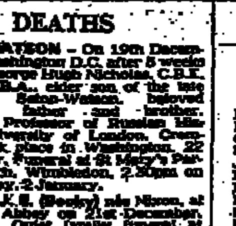
In the important border league games Gala turned the tables on Kelso by beating them 19-12 with Dods recording 11 of those points. Kelso lost their international flanker, John Jeffrey, with concussion, and he will have to withdraw from the Barbarians team to play Leicester in the midweek.

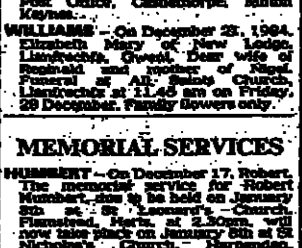
Jed-Forest and Melrose drew 7-7 for the second time this season

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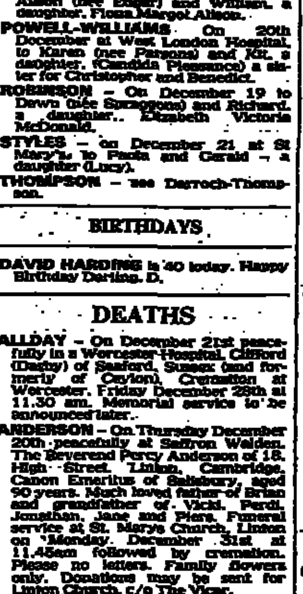
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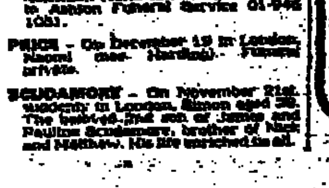
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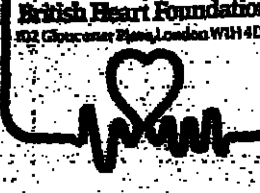
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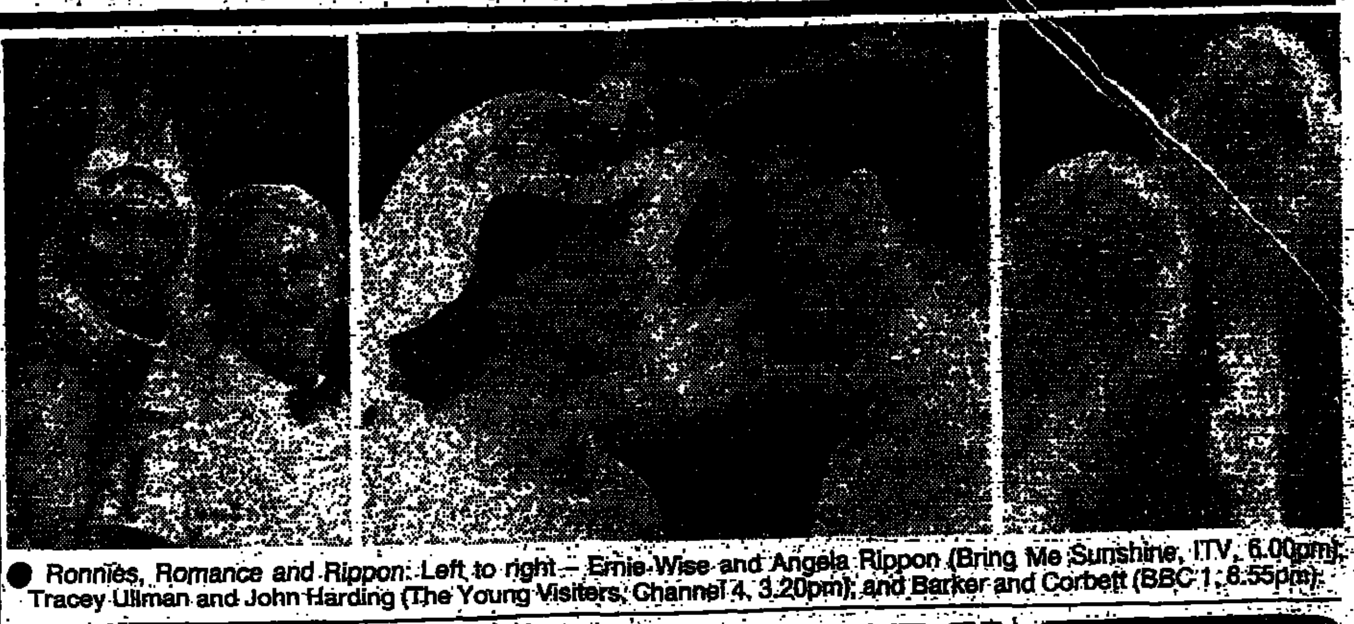
Christmas Television: Today and Tomorrow

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle






● Tinsel, Toad and Tommy: Left to right– Val Doonican (BBC 1, 10.00 pm); Toad of Toad Hall (The Wind in the Willows, ITV, 5.15 pm); and Tommy Steele and Carol Barraclough (Jim'll Fix It for Christmas, BBC 1, 6.15 pm).


● Ronnies, Romance and Rippon: Left to right – Ernie Wise and Angela Rippon (Bring Me Sunshine, ITV, 6.00pm); Tracey Ullman and John Harding (The Young Visiters, Channel 4, 3.20pm); and Barker and Corbett (BBC 1, 8.55pm).

CHRISTMAS EVE

BBC 1

6.00 *Ceefax AM.*

6.30 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; programme choice at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18. Plus Glynn Christian's tips for Christmas dinner; Diana Moran keeping trim; and guest Keith Harris with Orville.

9.00 **Busker's Christmas Story.** Episode one of a three-part story. 9.15 **Paddington and the Christmas Shopping** (r). 9.20 **Lassie.** The first of a new animated series featuring the canny canine. 9.45 **Charlie Brown** (r).

10.10 **Jackanory.** Cherie Lunghi reads the story of Cinderella 10.25 **Magic Roundabout** (r) 10.30 **Play School**, presented by Carol Chell 10.50 **Henry's Cat** (r) 10.55 **The Chucklehounds Christmas.**

11.05 **The Sounds of 84.** Music from the Montreux Pop Festival. 12.05 **Wait Till Your Father Gets Home.** A Hanna-Barbera cartoon.

12.30 **News with Moira Stuart** 12.35 **Junior Kick Start.** The first of a new three-heat competition 1.00 **Kung Fu**, starring David Carradine 1.50 **The Christmas Raccoons.** A musical cartoon(r).

2.15 **Film: The Cruel Sea*** (1952) starring Jack Hawkins. Second World War drama about a Royal Navy corvette and its part in the battle for the Atlantic. Directed by Charles Frend.

4.15 **Pop Quiz Christmas Special**, introduced by Mike Read 4.45 **Jackanory.** Jeremy Irons reads Paul Gallico's Snowflake.

5.00 *Blue Peter includes the latest* news of the LifeSaver Appeal (Ceefax). 5.25 **The Box of Delights.** The final episode (Ceefax).

6.00 **News with Moira Stuart.**

6.15 **Jim'll Fix It for Christmas.** The young and the not so young have their dreams come true including a nine-year-old singing with Tommy Steele and a 91-year-old playing darts with John Lowe.

6.55 **Film: One of Our Dinosaurs is Missing** (1975) starring Peter Ustinov. Chinese secret agents steal the skeleton of a dinosaur from the Natural History Museum because a secret microfilm has been *hidden among the bones.* Directed by Robert Stevenson (Ceefax).

8.25 **Only Fools and Horses.** Del is smitten by the lovely Heather and goes as far as buying a ring. But events do not go *according to plan (r).*

8.55 **Cagney and Lacey.** Mary Beth is held hostage by a crazed killer in a railway sidings.

9.45 **News with Moira Stuart.**

10.00 **Val Doonican's Very Special Christmas** with guests Engelbert Humperdink, Pam Ayres and the Cambridge Buskers.

10.50 **Play: Angels in the Annexe,** by Janey Preger. Siobhan McKenna and Alfred Molina star as two school teachers with different points of view as to how to present the Nativity play. The man, the new headmaster, wants to break away from the usual format but Miss Jarvis who has been producing the play for 35 years. disagrees.

11.45 **Midnight Mass of the Nativity** from the Church of St Mary and St John, Wolverhampton.

12.45 **Weather.**

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax.**

1.45 **On the Tracks of the Wild Otter.** *A documentary, three* years in the making, about Shetland otters. Made by Hugh Miles (r).

2.35 **Film: The Gold Rush*** (1925) starring Charlie Chaplin. Perhaps Chaplin's best-known *film and certainly one of his* funniest. He plays a gold prospector who joins the rush to Alaska. Written, produced and directed by Charlie Chaplin.

3.45 **Telly Quiz** presented by Jerry Stevens.

4.15 **The First Noels.** The final part of the series tracing the history *of Christmas carols, presented* by Sir Geraint Evans with the choir and congregation of Peterborough Cathedral and the choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

4.35 **Alias St Nick.** Cartoon.

4.45 **Film: Little Women** (1949) starring June Allyson, Margaret O'Brien, Elizabeth *Taylor and Janet Leigh. Louisa* May Alcott's classic tale of four sisters growing up in mid-19th century United States. Directed by Mervyn Leroy.

6.40 **Long Beach Olympiad.** Ray Moore is the narrator of this documentary about the 1984 Olympic Yachting Regatta.

7.30 **News summary** with subtitles.

7.35 **Born in Bethlehem.** The BBC Welsh Chorus with Aled Jones (treble) sing songs about the *Nativity from the actual site in* Bethlehem. The reader is Isla Blair and the narrator Martin Jarvis.



Lena Horne: The Lady and Her Music (BBC 2 8.25pm)

8.25 **Lena Horne: The Lady and Her Music.** The hit one-woman show that won for the peerless singer a Tony Award, recorded at the Nederlander Theatre in *New York. A musical and* anecdotal reminisce of a highly successful career that began at Harlem's Cotton Club and led to Miss Horne being the first black performer to be offered a long-term Hollywood contract.

10.00 **Film: The Quiet Man** (1952) starring John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara and Barry Fitzgerald. One of Wayne's better known films, one in which he plays a local West of Ireland boy who returns home after making a success of his life in the United States. But his original intention to lead the quiet life is thwarted by Mary Kate Danaher and by one of the famous film fights that spreads up hill and down dale eventually involving all the villagers and ending up at the local bar. Directed by John Ford. Ends at 12.10.

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2.00 **Los Villancicos.** A series of dramatic cantatas composed by the 18th century Spanish monk, Antonio Soler. They are performed by Luis Alvarez, baritone, with a Spanish choir and the Arthur Haas Ensemble (r).

3.30 **Wet Paint.** A tour of Brussels *set to the music of Ravel's* Sauche Riche Fanfare.

3.55 **Class of '39.** A documentary about the original members of the Vienna Boy's Choir, formed by Dr Georg Gruber, a choirmaster, and Mrs Marsh, an eccentric and wealthy entrepreneur, in 1939. The choir began with a successful tour of the United States and were following up that success in Australia when war was *declared and they found* themselves detained in a foreign and hostile country.

5.30 **Greenland – the Vikings Return.** ITN reporter Sam Hall on the replica of a Viking ship as it sails from Norway to Iceland and through the ice of Greenland as it traces the voyage made by Vikings more than a 1,000 years ago.

6.00 **Film: Dark Enemy** (1984) A Children's Film Unit production *about a group of children who* live in an isolated valley surrounded by an inhospitable wasteland, threatened by the mysterious Moonchildren. Directed by Colin Finbow.

7.30 **News summary and weather.**

7.35 **Making a Splash.** Peter Greenaway's documentary about all forms of water, shot on locations ranging from the wilds of North Wales to the warm seas of the South of *France (r).*

8.00 **Brookside.** Terry's Christmas is an unhappy one when he learns that Michelle is going to a New Year's Eve party with the nurses, while Sheila is rushed to hospital in the taxi *hired for Annabelle's catering.*

8.30 **The Mating Call.** Joe Regalburo, Ian Lavender and June Chadwick star in this sitcom about an American reporter working in London who is oh so average. His friends Jonathan and Katie try to give him support as he struggles with his tangled emotions in his search for the reasons for his decidedly average success, and they introduce him to Joan. She is beautiful, intelligent and for him it is love at first sight. Can he pull himself out of his rut of ordinariness in an effort to win the girl's affections?

9.00 **Placido.** A documentary about a year in the life of Placido Domingo as he sings in every major opera house in the world. Among those featured is his Tosca in Barcelona; with *Kiri Te Kanawa in a London* production of Manon Lescaut; and with Charles Aznavour in a Paris television spectacular.

10.45 **Ian Breakwell's Christmas Diary.** The poor man's thinker reflects on Victorian Values.

10.55 **Film: A Place of One's Own*** (1945) starring James Mason and Margaret Lockwood. The famous ghost story by Osbert Sitwell about a middle-aged couple. on the verge of *retirement, who buy a run-*down house at what, at first, seems a bargain price. Directed by Bernard Knowles.

12.40 **Closedown.**

TV-am

6.25 *Good Morning Britain* presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00: sport at 6.39, and 7.37; exercises at 6.46 and 9.20; *pop video at 7.54; astrology at* 8.15; programme highlights at 8.34.

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9.25 **Thames news headlines** *followed by Father Murphy in* which he and Mae become involved with a young man's gambling debts 10.15 **Cartoon Time** (r).

10.30 **Film: Benji** (1974) Adventures *of a resourceful and independent dog who lives* alone in a large, deserted house. Directed by Joe Camp.

12.00 **Freetime Christmas Special.** 12.30 **Goodwill to All Men.** The birth of Christ celebrations seen through the eyes of a miner and his family and through the eyes of the clergy for whom the miners' strike has posed a moral dilemma.

1.00 **News at One with Carol Barnes** 1.20 **Thames news** from Robin Houston 1.30 **The Birth of Christ.** Oliver Hunkin discusses the birth of Christ as depicted by the Old Masters (Oracle).

1.45 **Scarecrow and Mrs King.** The two American secret agents *help to coax a spy back into* the fold after being in the cold for 23 years (Oracle).

2.40 **Take Over,** presented by Brough Scott. Four members of the public are joined by Suzanne Danielle; Sally James, Peter Davison and Derek Thompson and they test their skill with a simulator in landing Concorde and driving a Scorpion reconnaissance vehicle.

3.10 *Film: The Return of the Pink* **Panther** (1974) starring Peter Sellers and Christopher Plummer. Can Inspector Clouseau solve the mystery of the stolen jewel? Directed by Blake Edwards (Oracle).

5.15 *The Wind in the Willows.* Toad dominates the festivities at Toad Hall.

5.45 **News.** 6.00 **Thames news.**

6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee with community action news.

6.35 **Crossroads.** Kath Brownlow receives a surprise visitor.

7.00 **What's My Line? Christmas Special.** Eamonn Andrews's panel this evening consists of George Gale, Barbara Kelly, Jilly Cooper, Ernie Wise and Patrick Mower.

7.30 **Coronation Street.** (Oracle).

8.00 **Jim Davidson's Falklands Special.** The story of comedian Jim Davidson's journey to the Falklands where *he entertained* the troops and the islanders.

9.00 **Film: Fun with Dick and Jane** (1977) starring Jane Fonda and George Segal. Comedy about an aerospace executive with a family and large mortgage who is suddenly made redundant. Attempts at finding another job come to nothing so he turns to a life of crime. Directed by Ted Kotcheff (Oracle).

10.40 **News.**

10.50 **Joy to the World.** David Pickering, the 12-year-old Chorister of the Year, is the host for a magical journey to Christmas past and back to the present.

11.40 *The Blessing of the Crib and the First Mass of Christmas* from the Church of John the Baptist, Newcastle upon Tyne.

12.40 **Closedown.**

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC 1 WALES: 12.45am News and weather. SCOTLAND: 11.45-12.30am Watchnight Service from St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh. 12.30 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND: 12.45am News and weather.

S4C Starts 12.45pm Yr Etifeddiaid 12.55 Citizen 2000. 1.25 Film: Home at *Seven (Ralph Richardson).* 2.55 Film: Holly and the Ivy (Ralph Richardson). 4.25 Oli'r Ola'. 4.45 Ysgoloriaeth. 5.15 Sgrylfi. 6.20 Annwyl Angharad. 6.50 Can Y Clychau. 7.20 Newyddion. 7.30 Margaret Williams. 8.10 Meri Crysbas. 8.40 Mawl Y Plant. 9.10 Masks of Death. 10.40 Carols for Christmas. 11.35 Y *Nadolig Hwnnw. 12.05am Gwasanaeth* Nadolig. 12.50 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

HTV As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25-10.30 Cartoon. 1.20pm-1.30 *News. 6.00-6.35* News. 12.40am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25-10.30 Cartoon. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.40pm Star of Bethlehem, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25-10.30 Cartoon. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.40am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. *6.00-6.35 Scottish News and Scotland* Today. 11.40 Watchnight Service from Motherwell. 12.40am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.30 Cartoon. 10.40-12.00 Film – Benji. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 11.40 *Watchnight Service from Motherwell.* 12.40am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25-10.30 Cartoon. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.40am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25-10.30 Cartoon. 1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.40am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Star of *Bethlehem. 9.30 Christmas London* Calling. 10.15-10.30 Christmas Message. 1.20pm-1.30 Central News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.40am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25-10.30 *Cartoon. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35* Coast to Coast. 12.40am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: *1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime.* 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster. 12.40am Closedown.

TSW As London except: Starts 9.30am Christmas London calling. 10.25-10.30 Cartoon. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. *6.30-7.00 Gardens for All.* 12.40am Postscript, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25 Cartoon. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.40am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.30am Christmas London calling. 10-25-10.30 Cartoon. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Little Rascals Christmas Special. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.20-6.35 Fantasia. 12.40am Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN

† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

CHRISTMAS DAY

BBC 1

8.00 **Ceefax.**

8.40 **Play School**, presented by Carol Chell 9.00 **Busker's Christmas Story.** Christopher Lillicrap with part two of the up-dated story of the Nativity. 9.15 **Born in Bethlehem.** *Popular carols sung by the* BBC Welsh Chorus in Bethlehem (shown yesterday).

10.05 **Christmas Morning Family Service** from Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, Belfast 11.03 **Weather.**

11.05 **The Noel Edmonds Live Live Christmas Breakfast Show** from the top of the British Telecom Tower.

12.35 **Film: Blue Murder at St Trinian's*** (1957) starring Alastair Sim, Joyce Grenfell, George Cole and Terry-Thomas. Mayhem at a girls' school whose pupils have got out of hand and the Army is called in. Directed by Frank Lauder.

2.00 **Top of the Pops Christmas Special** featuring the top sounds of 1984 introduced in the studio by Culture Club, Jim Diamond, Duran Duran, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Howard Jones, Nik Kershaw, Thomson Twins, Wham! and Paul Young.

3.00 **The Queen** speaks to the Commonwealth (Ceefax).

3.10 **Film: Mary Poppins** (1964) starring Julie Andrews, Dick Van Dyke, David Tomlinson and Glynis Johns. Lighthearted story of a remarkable children's nanny. Directed by Robert Stevenson (first showing on British television) (Ceefax).

5.25 **News with Jan Leeming.**

5.30 **Christmas Blankety Blank.** Les Dawson's panel consists of Lorraine Chase, Suzanne Danielle, Ken Dodd, Russell Harty, Ruth Madoc and Derek Nimmo (Ceefax).

6.05 **Hi-de-Hi!** The final visit of the series to Maplins and Spike decides to raffle Clive's motor car and switch it for a look alike when the winner is announced (Ceefax).

6.35 *The Paul Daniels Magic* **Christmas Show** with guests George Carl, a clown from Chicago; Kris Kremo, a high-speed juggler from Las Vegas; and the Olympiads, a balancing act from Germany.

7.25 **Just Good Friends.** *Penny has* at last seen the light and decides that her future is not with Vince. In this extended edition Penny reflects on what happened to the couple before the television series began.

8.55 **The Two Ronnies.** Sketches, jokes and songs from Messrs Barker and Corbett and their guests, Elaine Paige, Patrick Troughton, John Owens and Gerrie Raymond. Appearing in *the film story, The Ballad of* Snivelling and Grudge are Peter Wyngarde (as Sir Guy), Michael Cantwell, Daryl Debeau, Ron Pember, John Rutland and Derek Ware.

9.55 **News with Jan Leeming.**

10.05 **Wogan.** Terry Wogan's guests are Freddie Starr, Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, Elton John and Victoria Principal.

10.55 **Film: Some Like it Hot*** (1959) starring Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis. Classic comedy about two musicians who witness the St Valentine's Day Massacre and take refuge from the searching mobsters by joining, in drag, an all-women band, among whose members is Sugar (Marilyn Monroe). Produced and Directed by Billy Wilder (Ceefax).

12.50 **Weather.**

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax.**

1.55 **Film: A Dog's Life*** (1918) starring Charlie Chaplin. The 'Tramp' is joined by Scraps, a mongrel. Both are very much down on their luck. Written and directed by Charlie Chaplin.

2.35 **Polar Bear Alert.** A documentary about the Bear Patrol of Churchill, Manitoba, a town that receives regular visits from the polar bears of the Hudson Bay when the ice begins to melt (r).

3.25 **Film: Limelight*** (1952) starring Charlie Chaplin and Claire Bloom. The moving tale of a has-been music hall comedian and the friendship he forms with a young ballerina he saves from suicide. With Buster Keaton. Written, produced and directed by Charlie Chaplin.

5.35 **Telly Quiz** presented by Jerry Stevens.

6.05 **The Nutcracker.** Scottish Ballet's production of Tchaikovsky's famous ballet, starring Elaine McDonald as the Sugar Plum Fairy, Davide Bombana as the Prince and Noriko Ohara as the Snow Queen. Recorded at the Théatre Royal, Glasgow, with the Scottish Ballet Orchestra, conducted by Terence Kern.



Baron Philippe de Rothschild, The Master of Mouton: BBC 2 7.50pm

7.50 **The Master of Mouton.** Russell Harty makes a pilgrimage to the Medoc to meet Baron Philippe de Rothschild at the Chateau Mouton. The Baron, as well as being the driving force and the custodian of the family vineyards, is a noted racing driver, a first-class yachtsman, a successful film director, holder of the Croix de Guerre and a man of letters.

8.40 **The Queen** speaks to the *Commonwealth (shown on* BBC 1 at 3.00pm).

8.55 **Film: Kaos** (1984) starring Omero Antonutti and Margarita Lozano. The dramatization of four of Luigi Pirandello's short stories, set against the harsh landscapes of Sicily, and an epilogue, an imagined episode from the writer's own life. The tales are of love, sorrow and laughter mixed with Sicily's own brand of superstition and irony. Written and directed by Paolo and Vittorio Taviani (first showing on British television). Ends at 12.00.

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11.10 **Il Poverello – The Story of St Francis of Assisi.** Robert Lang narrates the story of the 12th *century friar from a remote* part of Italy who has remained in the religious limelight the eight centuries since his death (r).

12.00 **Film: The Custard Boys** (1979). A remarkable film *made by 11 to 14-year olds of* Forest Hill Comprehensive School that tells the story of a group of schoolboys who are evacuated from London during the Blitz of 1942 to the East Anglian countryside – a world *they do not know and for* which they show little respect. Directed by Colin Finbow.

1.30 **The World of Children** – full of images and ideas.

1.50 **Film: Jour de Fete*** (1949) starring Jacques Tati. A brilliant comedy about a village postman who likes to take things easy and because of this is the butt of other villagers' jokes. Needled by being compared to the United States postal service, he decides to show how efficient he can be. Directed by Jacques Tati.

3.20 **Film: The Young Visiters.** A made-for-television adaptation of the novel by Daisy Ashford *who wrote the tale when nine* years of age. The story concerns the elderly (aged 42), Alfred Salteena who likes giving house parties and one of his guests, the dastardly Bernard Clark. Starring Tracey *Ullman, Carina Radford,* Kenny Ireland and John Harding. Directed by James Hill.

5.00 **The Queen** addresses the Commonwealth.

5.10 *Giselle.* The Kirov Ballet perform one of the classics of the ballet repertoires. Recorded at the Kirov Theatre in Leningrad, the title role is danced by Galina Mezentseva with Konstantin Zaklinsky as *Albrecht, her lover who* betrayed her.

7.10 **News summary and weather** followed by **Loriot.** A showcase for the many talents of the German comic, living *proof that the Germans do not* lack a sense of humour.

8.00 **Brookside.** Christmas Day in the Close and Marie puts on a brave face although she desperately misses the temporarily incarcerated George.

8.30 **See How They Run.** A small screen version of the hit West End comedy about the frantic goings-on in a country vicarage during the Second World War. Starring Michael Denison, Liza Goddard, Maureen Lipman, Derek Nimmo and Christopher Timothy.

10.00 **Jean Sibelius.** A two-part documentary about *the life* of the composer. In The Early Years and Maturity and Silence most of the music is performed by the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy. There are also songs by Elisabeth Soderstrom, accompanied by Ashkenazy and *excerpts from* Sibelius's Violin Concerto, played by Boris Belkin.

11.55 **Ian Breakwell's Christmas Diary.** The poor man's thinker reviews the events of the year.

12.15 **Closedown.**

TV-am

6.25 **Good Morning Britain's** *Christmas Party* begins with a cartoon special. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 7.00, 8.00 and 9.00: The programme includes a message for Christmas from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr *Robert Runcie.*

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9.25 **Dangermouse Double Bill** with the voices of David Jason, Terry Scott, Edward Kelsey and Brian Trueman (r) 9.45 **Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends.** Ringo Starr with more tales from the pen of the Rev Awdry 9.55 **Emu at Christmas.**

10.35 **The Christmas Morning Service** from St George's Chapel, Windsor, introduced by Sir Alastair Burnet.

11.45 **Film: Bugs Bunny's Looney Movie** (1981) A three-part film starring the carrot-loving adventurer 1.15 **Top Pop Videos of '84.**

2.00 **Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean Special.** Simon Reed introduces this tribute to the peerless skaters. The programme follows the development of their technique over the past four years and includes excerpts never before seen on television.

3.00 **The Queen** talks to the Commonwealth.

3.10 **Film: The Man With the** *Golden Gun (1974) starring* Roger Moore as James Bond. In this globe-trotting adventure James Bond is on the trail of Scaramanga, the man with the golden gun who has stolen a device that is the key to harnessing the sun's energy. Directed by Guy Hamilton (Oracle).

5.25 **News.**

5.30 **Give Us a Clue:** Celebrity mime game, presented by *Michael Parkinson:* Una Stubbs's team is Julia McKenzie, Nicola Paget and Julie Walters. On Lionel Blair's side are Spike Milligan, Wayne Sleep and Bernie Winters (Oracle).

6.00 **Bring Me Sunshine – A Tribute to Eric Morecambe, OBE.** The best of home grown entertainment talent in this special, introduced by Ernie Wise, from the London *Palladium, in the presence of* the Duke of Edinburgh, in aid of the British Heart Foundation (Oracle).

8.30 **Film: Raiders of the Lost Ark** (1981) starring Harrison Ford *and Karen Allen.* Indiana Jones, an archaeologist who has just had a brush with death in the South American jungles, makes for Egypt when he hears that Nazi (it is 1936) treasure hunters are rumoured *to have found the lost city* containing the Well of Souls. Directed by Steven Spielberg.

10.40 **News.**

10.45 **Des O'Connor Tonight.** Music and chat from the entertainer and his guests who include Hank Marvin and Mireille Matthieu.

11.35 **Film: Home for the Holidays** (1972) A made-for-television thriller about four daughters who return to the family home *for the first time in nine years* to find the household at the mercy of a homicidal maniac. Starring Walter Brennan. Directed by John Llewellyn Moxey.

12.50 **Peace.** Gill Nevill meets some *of the people who are* attempting to bring peace to different parts of the globe.

1.00 **Closedown.**



Torvill and Dean: ITV 2.00pm

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

S4C Starts 12.50 Ffalabalam. 1.05 This is Elvis. 2.55 Queen's Message. 3.10 Film: Dark Enemy. Children's adventure. 4.35 Brookside. 5.30 Ffalabalam. 5.45 Trwbwl Yr *Hwbwlbwbwl. 6.15 Y Smyrffs Nadolig.* 6.40 Superted. 6.50 Fo A Fe. 7.20 Newyddion. 7.30 Caryl. 8.00 Camau Troellog. 9.25 Gogoniant Yn Y Goruchaf. 9.55 Mating Call. 10.25 Placido: Year in the Life of Placido Domingo. 12.10am Closedown.

CENTRAL No variation.

TSW As London except: 12.50am Postscript, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.50am Weather and Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am Moderator's Christmas Message. 9.35-9.45 Cartoon. 12.50am Reflections. 1.00 Closedown.

GRANADA *No variation.*

HTV WEST No variation. HTV WALES: No variation.

YORKSHIRE No variation.

ANGLIA No variation.

TVS As London except: 12.50am Christmas Company, followed by *Closedown.*

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.50am A Message for Christmas, with the Bishop of Durham. 12.55 Closedown.

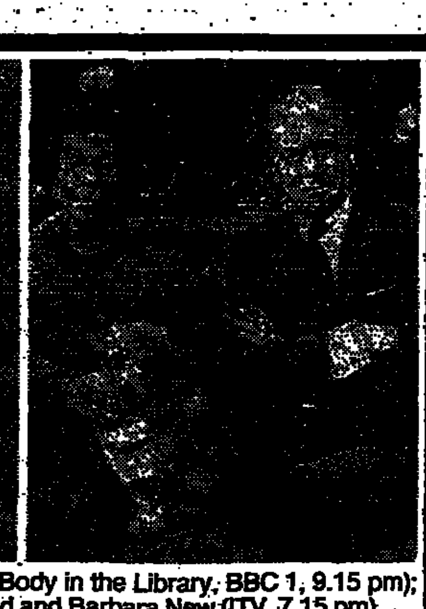
ULSTER No variation.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am Moderator's Christmas Message. 9.35-9.45 The Sound of Children: Children in the Border region celebrate in music and song.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am Moderator's Christmas message. 9.35-9.45 Cartoon. 11.45 Little Rascal's Christmas Special. 12.15pm-1.15 Glen Michael's Christmas Cavalcade. 12.50am Late Call. 12.55 Closedown.

Wednesday's Television/Three-day Radio Guide





● Murder, Merriment, Mimics; Left to right – Joan Hickson as Miss Marple (The Body in the Library, BBC 1, 9.15 pm); Paul Eddington and Penelope Keith (Hay Fever, BBC 2, 7.25 pm); Mike Yarwood and Barbara New (ITV, 7.15 pm)

BOXING DAY

BBC 1

8.00 Pages from Ceefax.

8.40 Play School Pantomime. Brian Cant and Co. in Cinderella: **9.00 Busker's Christmas Story:** Final episode. Told by Christopher Lillicrap.

9.15 Film: The Adventures of Quentin Durward (1955) *Period swashbuckling yarn,* from the Walter Scott novel. Robert Taylor, Kay Kendall, Robert Morley head the cast. Directed by Richard Thorpe. **10.55 Bugs Bunny Double Bill.**

11.05 The Sound of 84: Montreux Pop Festival highlights. Includes Bananarama, Duran Duran, Slade and Ultravox.

12.05 Wait Till Your Father Gets Home: cartoon. **12.30 News.**

12.35 Junior Kick Start: Twelve young drivers compete in Heat 2 of BBC TV's junior motocycling competition. From Easton Neston, Northamptonshire.

1.00 Kung Fu: Caine (David Carradine) continues searching for his half-brother. And there's a gleam of hope.

1.50 Film: The Flight of the Phoenix (1965) James Stewart, Richard Attenborough and a fine cast have to resurrect a wrecked plane in the desert and try to fly themselves back to civilization. Directed by Robert Aldrich.

4.10 Olympic Gymnastics 84: Some of the great moments live again. Marvellous feats from the likes of Japan's Koji Gushiken and America's Mary *Lou Retton and Romania's* Ekaterina Szabo who won four gold medals for her country.

4.50 Final Score: Today's football and racing results. **5.00 News.** With Jan Leeming.

5.15 Bob's Christmas Full House: Four contestants compete for substantial prizes, and Bob Monkhouse exercises his gift for wisecrackery.

5.50 No Place Like Home: Arthur Crabtree (William Gaunt) learns that the children are planning a rowdy Christmas party for their friends.

6.20 Film: Escape to Victory (1981) *Wartime drama, with Allied* prisoner-of-war taking on a German team in a football encounter. Starring Michael Caine, Sylvester Stalone, Max von Sydow and Pelé. Director: John Huston. (Ceefax subtitles).

8.10 Dallas: J R plays a masterly ace, although Cliff Barnes looks certain to be the winner. (Ceefax subtitles). **9.00 News.**

9.15 Miss Marple: The Body in the Library. Part one (the other two episodes can be seen tomorrow night, and Friday) of a TV adaptation of the Agatha Christie novel, with Joan Hickson as the unlikely sleuth. It begins (inevitably?) with a body being found in the library of a country house. With Gwen Watford, Andrew Cruickshank, (Ceefax subtitles).

10.10 Dave Allen: The raconteur is back after a long absence. Hardly anything is sacred.

11.10 Kenny and Dolly: A Christmas to Remember. American entertainers Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton in a music-and-dance and comedy show. Miss Parton sings five of her own songs – all of them new.

11.45 Golf: The One Club Challenge: Ballesteros and Trevino challenge some of the world's best players in the Epson Torphy on the Old Course at St Andrews. With Peter Alliss handling the commentary.

12.35 Weather. Ends at 12.40am.



Dave Allen: on BBC1 at 10.10pm

BBC 2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax.

12.45 Racing from Wincanton: The 1.00 Isis Handicap Steeplechase; the 1.30 Coral Golden Hurdle; the 2.00 Isis *Hangover Chase. With Julian* Wilson.

2.15 In Pursuit of the Boar: A film about the animal that is not the farmer's best friend. Narrated by Joss Ackland (r).

3.05 Film: The Great Dictator (1940*) Chaplin as a comical Hitler figure, Jack Oakie as an even more ridiculous Mussolini. Famous sequences: the gibberish speech, and the balloon-world. With Paulette Goddard. Chaplin wrote and directed it.

5.05 The Big H: Leeds schoolchildren in a musical drama written by Tony Harrison, the self-styled working-class poet. The music is by Dominic Muldowney. All about how the spirit of Herod transforms modern Leeds into a biblical-times city.

5.50 Telly Quiz: TV celebrities take part in programme number three. With Jerry Stevens.

6.20 Ingrid: Biographical documentary about the actress Ingrid Bergman. Many famous personalities including Yul Brynner, Gregory Peck, Jose Ferrer and Liv Ullmanntake part. There are clips from some of her best films.

7.25 Hay Fever: Marvellous cast (Penelope Keith, Paul Eddington, Patricia Hodge, Benjamin Whitrow, Joan Sims, Susan Wooldridge and many others) in the Noël Coward comedy about a planned quiet weekend that is anything but. The setting: 1925. Miss Keith repeats the role of the actress Judith Bliss which she played in the West End last year.



Pavarotti at Madison Square (BBC 2, 9.00 pm)

9.00 Pavarotti at Madison Square Garden: What a crowd of 20,000 saw and heard last summer when the Italian tenor was on stage. Works by Verdi, *Puccini et al, and an interview* with the singer himself. Music by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. An *Arena* film.

10.15 The Innings of the Year: How Viv Richards re-wrote the record books when he galloped to 189 not out in the one-day match against England at Old Trafford on Thursday, May 31, 1984.

10.45 Film: The Third Man (1949*) Carl Reed's unforgettable film of the Graham Greene novel, set in post-war Vienna, with Orson Welles as the black marketeer Harry Lime. Also starring Joseph Cotton, Valli, Trevor Howard and Bernard Lee. The *music (on the zither,* by Anton Karas) has lost none of its power to thrill and Robert Krasker's *black-and-white* photography creates images that have rarely been equalled in British cinema. Ends at 12.30am.

CHANNEL 4

11.10 A Lineside Look at Model Railways: A guided tour of some of Britain's best miniature railway systems. With Bob Symes.

12.00 Gnomes: Cartoon, based on the international best-selling book about a woodland gnome who, though 101, is too young for marriage.

1.00 Racing from Kempton Park: Brough Scott introduces coverage of the 1.10 Food Brokers – Armour Novices Hurdle (2m); the 1.40 Ladbroke Christmas Hurdle (2m); the 2.15 King George VI Chase (3m); and the 2.45 Boxing Day Handicap (2m).

3.00 Year of Golf: A look back over an exciting year, including Ben Crenshaw's winning the masters in Augusta, Georgia; *Nick Faldo winning his first US* title, the Heritage

Brigette Bardot: La Verité (Channel 4, 9.45 pm)

4.00 Film: The Lives of a Bengal Lancer (1935*) Adventure yarn, set in the North-West Frontier of India. Gary Cooper and Franchot Tone play the two British officers who go to the rescue of a fellow officer (Richard Cromwell) seized by a villainous chieftain (Douglas Dumbrille). Plenty of action. Directed by Henry Hathaway.

6.00 That's 'Street Entertainment: Carnival high spirits in London's Covent Garden last July, where 80,000 people were entertained by more than 400 acts.

7.00 Rigoletto: A second chance to see this TV recording of Jonathan Miller's acclaimed production for the English National Opera, in which the action was transformed from 16th century Italy to New York's "Little Italy" in the early 1950s. For the court life of old, read the Mafia. Heading the cast: John Rawnsley as the hunchbacked jester; Marie McLaughlin as his daughter Gilda; Arthur Davies as the "*Duke*" (the *Mafia 'father'*), and John Tomlinson as Sparafucile, the hired 'hit-man'. It tells the tale of a father's curse. First seen on Channel 4 in January 1983.

9.30 Ian Breakwell's Christmas Diary: Eighth (and final) film in the series. Tonight: The Monarch of Misrule.

9.45 Film: La Verité (1960*). Courtroom drama, starring Brigitte Bardot on trial for the murder of the man whom she stole from her sister. It was nominated for an Oscar as the best foreign language film of the year. Co-starring Marie-*Jose Nat, Charles Vanel, Paul* Meurisse and Sami Frey. Directed by Henri-Georges Clouzot, the fine director of movies like The Wages of Fear and The Picasso Mystery. In French, with English sub-titles. Ends at 12.10am.

TV-am

6.25 Good morning Britain. Boxing Day Spectacular. Celebrity line-up includes Dana, Little Foxes, Jimmy Edwards, and Caribbean cook Rustie Lee, Also Rondo Veneziano, Lon Satton and London Gospel Choir. And astrologer Russell Grant, film reviewer Charles *Golding and Arabella Warner.* News at 7.00, 8.00 and 9.00, read by Gordon Honeycombe.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 The Pied Piper of Hamelin: Puppet version of Browning's famous poem. The storyteller is Robert Hardy (r). **9.55 Cartoons.**

10.05 Film: Hans Christian Andersen (1953). Danny Kaye musical, with some great songs, but a silly plot that has nothing, really, to do with Andersen's life. With Farley Granger and Jeanmaire. Director: Charles Vidor.

12.00 The Cresta Run: Sandy Gall takes to the toboggan and tells the story of the 100-year-old St Moritz Toboggan Club. **1.00 News.**

1.05 The World's Greatest Escape Artist: Death-defying and mind-bending feats are attempted by Chris Shayland. They include the Chinese water torture, and being chained to two trucks that are being driven in opposite directions. Presented by David Frost.

2.00 Film: Kim (1984). Not the old Errol Flynn adventure yarn, but a made-for-TV version of Kipling's book starring Peter O'Toole as the Lama and Ravi Sheth as the street urchin of the title. Director: John Davies.

4.40 Crossroads: Kath is at the receiving end of some shrp words form Donna. **5.10 ITV News and Sport.**

5.30 Name that Tune: Contestants on their way to big cash and gift prizes are helped to relax by Lionel Blair, Maggie Moone and Kaluki.

6.00 This is Your Life: The show that depends heavily on secrecy and on Eamonn Andrews's ability to nudge people in the right (i.e. *flattering) direction.*

6.45 Coronation Street: A self-revelation session for Rita Fairclough (Oracle sub-titles).

7.15 The Mike Yarwood Show: Thanks to Mike Yarwood's gifts, this will be the most starry show on ITV night. The celebrities he will not be impersonating include Cliff Richard. There will be the usual representation from Buckingham Palace – on two legs and four.

8.15 Minder: Dennis Waterman and George Cole in Around the Corner. Still the best-natured law-bending series on *television. Tonight, Arthur* acquires a greyhound, and Terry is assigned to the job of looking after him. On a training session, the dog is reluctant to run.

9.15 Film: Airplane! (1980) High-powered lunacy as food-poisoning breaks out in an airliner, and one of the passengers has to take over the controls. With Robert Hays, Julie Hagerty and Lloyd Bridges. Directed by Jim Abrahams, David Zucker, Jerry Zucker.

10.50 News from ITN.

11.05 Elton John in Central Park: The night that New Yorkers heard him sing Sorry Seems to be the Hardest Word; Goodbye Yellowbrick Road, and other hits.

12.10 Peace: A Christmas message from Gill Nevill. **12.20 Closedown.**

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC 1: Wales. 12.35-12.40am news of Wales. Northern Ireland: 12.35-12.40pm Northern Ireland news.

CHANNEL As London except: 4.40pm Name That Tune. 5.30-6.00 Crossroads.

ANGLIA *As London except:* 12.35am Eavesdropping, with the Bishop of Peterborough.

GRANADA As London except: 12.10am Beason.

ULSTER No variation.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.10am Late Call.

TSW As London except: 4.40pm-5.10 Name That Tune. 5.30-6.00 Crossroads. 12.10am Postscript.

BORDER As London except: 12.10am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London Except: 4.40pm-5.10 Name That Tune. 5.30-6.00 Crossroads.

TVS As London except: 12.10am Company followed by Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.10am Treasury of the Holy Spirit. 12.15 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.10am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.10am Closedown.

HTV WALES No variations.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.10am Closedown.

S4C Starts 12.45pm Ffalbalam. 1.00 Racing from Kempton. 3.05 *Giselle. 5.05 Ffalabalam. 5.20 Pessi Ac* Ilusia. 6.50 Larwm. 7.20 Newyddion. 7.30 Hapnadolig Llawen. 8.20 Ewyllys Dda. 8.55 Newyddion '84. 9.25 Film: Place of One's Own (James Mason) Ghost story. 11.10 Loriot. 11.50 Gnomes. 12.50am Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN
† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat



● Herod, Heroics, and Horsemanship: Left to right – Barrie Rutter (The Big H, BBC 2, 5.05 pm); Gary Cooper and Kathleen Burke (Channel 4, 4.00 pm); and Julian Wilson and Pippa (Racing from Wincanton, BBC 2, 12.45 pm)

ALL THE CHRISTMAS RADIO PROGRAMMES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Radio 4

5.55 Shipping 6.00 News; Weather; Christmas Prelude Music for Christmas Eve† 6.30 News; Farming Week. 6.55 Weather
7.00 News; Matins for Christmas Eve†
7.30 Today, including 7.30, 8.28 News 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.25 Sport 7.25 Thought for the Day
8.30 Smash of the Day. 'The Hitch-hiker's Guide to the Galaxy' by Douglas Adams (r)
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs. The castaway is the actress Lauren Bacall (r)†
9.45 Home From Home. A two-part *documentary, by David Wade,* about the evacuees of the Second World War
10.30 Five Decades of Alistair Cooke's Letter From America. (1): The 40s
10.45 Natural Selection Box. 'Rudolph and Friends' presented by Malcolm Coe 11.00 News; Travel
11.05 Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen, dramatised in six parts (1) with Elizabeth Counsell as Elizabeth Bennet and Frank Barrie as Darcy (r)
12.00 News; Stilgoe's Around. Richard Stilgoe's view of 'The Boat Show'
12.30 Quote . . . Unquote with Alan Bennett, Janet Suzman, Leslie Thomas, Wynford Vaughan Thomas† 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One: News
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Under the Hill. The Worcestershire village of Elmley Castle is host to local people and special guests for an afternoon of chat, and reminiscence
3.00 News; A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College Chapel, Cambridge. The Organ Scholar is Richard Farnest
4.30 A Charmed Life. Vicki Hughes looks back on her adventurous years.
4.45 Winnie-the-Pooh by A.A. Milne in five parts (1). Read by Alan Bennett (r)
5.00 PM: News Magazine; Weather
5.35 Asterix in Britain, translated and dramatised in six episodes (1)† 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.15 Victorian Christmas Miscellany. Third of seven festive programmes.
6.30 Not A Penny More, Not A Penny Less, by Jeffrey Archer (1). With Stratford Johns as Harvey Metcalfe (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Christmas Punch (new series). The writers of Punch examine the humorous side of Christmas. Tonight, Benny Green has the platform.
7.30 Shaw At Christmas. 'Man and Superman', by Barnard Shaw. With Alec McCowen, Anna Massey, Michael Denison, Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies, Gary Bond and Nigel Anthony (r)†
9.00 Home From Home. Second of David Wade's two documentaries about evacuees in the Second World War
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: 'Just Resting' by Leo McKern who reads the sixth of eight extracts from his autobiography 10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: News
11.00 Children Talking . . . About Christmas. Children from 5-15 say what they think about the festive season now upon us.
11.30 The First Mass of Christmas from the Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist, Salford, celebrated by The Rt. Rev. Patrick Kelly, Bishop of Salford. The organist is Mark Coggins 12.33 Shipping Forecast VHF available in England and S. Wales only). Radio 4 vhf is as above except: 5.55-6.00 am Weather; Travel 1.55-2.00 pm Listening Corner 5.50-5.55 An Irish Diary. Harry Barton on a famous American

Radio 3

6.55 Weather; 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Beethoven's overture The Ruins of Athens; Schreker's Frülingː Zu spāte Reue: Rosentod (Speiser, soprano); Spohr's Nonet in F (Nash Ensemble); Fauré Nocturne No 7 (Collard, piano).†8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert: part two. Geminiani's Concerto grosso Op 3 No 2 in G minor (Academy of Ancient Music), Martinu's Concertino for piano trio and string orchestra (Panenka, piano); Mozart's Symphony No 34.†9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Prokofiev. Zeltser, piano, plays the Legende Op 12 No 6 and Prelude Op 12 No 7; also Autumnal Sketch Op 8; Piano Concerto No 1 (Ashkenazy and the LSO): and Ala and Lolly: Scythian Suite Op 20.†
10.00 Peter Wallfisch: piano recital. Zemlinsky's Fantasies on Poems of Richard Dehmel; Reger's Bunte Blätter Op 36; Brahms's Scherzo in E flat minor Op 4.†
10.50 Barber and Bartok: Austrian Radio SO with Edgar Krapp (organ). Barber's Toccata festiva, for organ and orchestra; Bartok's suite The Miraculous Mandarin.†
11.25 Bournemouth Wind Quire: Spohr's (arranged anon) Faust Harmonie.†
12.00 Debussy and Berlioz: Nobuko Imai (viola) with David Watkins (harp). BBC Philharmonic *Orchestra under Downes.* Debussy's Danse sacrée at danse profane, for harp and string orchestra; Berlioz's Harold in Italy.†1.00 News.
1.05 Mozart and Beethoven Trios: Gagliano Trio play Mozart's String Trio (fragment) in G, KA 66; and Beethoven's Trio in E flat Op 3.†
2.00 Music Weekly: Includes John Warrack on Schubert's last piano sonata; and Jeffrey Tate on Mozart and tempo (r).†
2.45 *New Records:* Mozart's Symphony No 41 (English Chamber Orchestra); George Lloyd's Piano Concerto No 4 (Stott/LSO); Massenet's Meditation (Thaïs) (Kennedy, violin); Strauss's Sinfonia domestica (Vienna PO).†4.55 News.
5.00 Schubert: Peter Schreier (tenor) and Jorg Demus (piano). Schwanengesang.†
6.00 Organ Music: Karl Hockreither on the organ at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London. He plays Messiaen's La Nativité du Seigneur.†
7.10 King's Lynn Festival 1984: I Nuovi Virtuosi di Roma in an all-Vivaldi concert. We hear The Four Seasons; and the Concerto in A for strings, RV 158; Concerto in A minor for two violins RV, 523; also Concerto for cello, RV 413.†
8.45 Beethoven: Stuttgart Piano Trio play the Piano Trio in B flat Op 97 (The Archduke).†
9.30 The Octave of the Nativity: First of 10 liturgical reconstructions for Christmas. (1) Matins and the First Massa of Christmas. With the Clerkes of Oxenford and Muscia Sacra Rediviva. We hear the works as they might have been heard in the Royal Household Chapel of Queen Mary Tudor on Christmas Day 1557. Ends at 1.35am.

Radio 2

4.00am David Yarnall.† 5.30 Ray Moore † including 6.15 Pause for Thought. 7.30 Terry Wogan† including 8.45 Pause for Thought. 10.00 Desmond Carrington's Rainbow Connection. 12.00pm The Impressionists at Christmas. Ray Alan and guests including Peter Goodwright. 1.05 Family Favourites with Cliff Michelmore.† 3.00 David Hamilton's Christmas.† 5.05 Christmas Music All The Way with the Iain Sutherland Orchestra.† 6.00 John Dunn.† 8.00 Vic Damone "The Pleasure of Your Company – with David Jacobs".† 10.00 Here's Bob Monkhouse. Guests include Ray Alan and Lord Charles and Victoria *Wood. 11.00 Sing Something Seasonal.†* 12.05am Bill Rennells talks to the Rev Don Cupit about the origins of the Christmas tradition. 3.00-4.00am Folk on 2. Traditional Sussex carols.†

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30am until 9.30 and at 12 midnight. 6.00am Mark Page with the Early Show. 8.00 Mike Read. 10.00 Simon Bates with special Christmas messages. 12.00pm Gary Davies including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Adrian John's Wind-up Show. 5.00 *Bruno* Brookes. Plus, at 6.30, Duran Duran. 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00am Adrian Juste.† VHF RADIOS 1 & 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sarah and Company. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Nineteen Eighty-Four. 8.30 Anything Goes. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Waveguide. 9.25 Good Books. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Peebles' Choice. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Science In Action. 10.30 Music Now. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Gemini To Jo'Burg. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Just A Minute. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Stage Fever 2.00 News Summary. 2.01 Duran. Duran. 2.45 Not So Much A Hobby. 3.00 News Summary. 4.45 Sweet Soul Music. 4.30 Images Of Britain. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Book Choice. 5.15 Jazz Score. 8.00 World News. 9.15 Gemini To Jo'Burg. 9.30 Rock Salad. 10.00 World News. 10.09 Ralph McTell. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 The Word Made Flesh 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Sweet Soul Music. *11.30 Just A Minute.* 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Festival Of Nine Lessons And Carols. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Commentary 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 William Story 2.50 History Reflected. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 This is Christmas. 3.30 John Peel 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 The Classical Guitar. 5.45 The World Today. (All times in GMT)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Radio 4

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News; Christmas Prelude.† 6.50 Nativity Reading. James Fox reads the story of the first Christmas.† 6.55 Weather.
7.00 News. 7.05 Christmas Bells. Robert Hudson introduces a selection of church-bells from around the country. 7.15 A *People's Carol. Carols that thrive* in South Yorkshire village pubs. 7.50 Nativity Reading. James Fox continues the story.†
8.00 News. 8.05 The Rest of the Day's Your Own. With Brian Johnston, Martin Jarvis, Tony Slattery and Alison Steadman. 8.55 Weather.
9.00 News. 9.05 Treasures and Trifles. Bernard Price tells tales of collections.
9.30 The Queen. The message to the Commonwealth.
9.35 Morning Service from St Alban's Abbey.
10.30 Five Decades of Alastair Cooke's Letter from America. (2): the 50's.
10.45 Natural Selection Box. 'The Proof is in the Pudding'.
11.00 News; Travel.
11.05 Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen in six parts (2).†
12.00 News; Stilgoe's Around. From Manchester Grammar School.
12.30 Quote . . . Unquote with Glenda Jackson, Isabelle Lucas, Norman Painting and John Lair.†
1.00 The Queen. The message to the Commonwealth. 1.05 News.
1.10 Smash of the Day. Round the Horne (Kenneth Horne, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden, Kenneth Williams) (r).
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 The Adventure Play. 'The Prisoner of Zenda' by Anthony Hope. With Julian Glover as Rassendyll and the king.†
3.30 Sir John Betjeman Remembered, in the words of friends and admirers.
4.00 Down Your Way. Brian Johnston recalls some of the characters he *has met on his travels.*
4.45 Winnie-the-Pooh by A.A. Milne, (2). Read by Alan Bennett (r).
5.00 News.
5.05 Christmas Present. With non-Christians and their families.
5.35 Asterix in Britain Part 2.† 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News.
6.05 Terry Wogan appeals on behalf of the National Deaf Children's Society.
6.15 Victorian Christmas Miscellany. †
6.30 Not a Penny More, Not A Penny Less by Jeffrey Archer (2).† 7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Christmas Punch. Alan Coren on traditional Christmas party games.
7.30 Shaw at Christmas. 'Saint Joan' by Bernard Shaw, starring Judi Dench and Michael Williams.†
9.30 A Blast of the Old Coach Horn. Garrard Green plays Charles Birch Reynardson, a 'gentleman coachman'.
10.15 Crossing Swords. Phil Smith on the tradition of sword-dancing teams in Sheffield. 10.30 News.
10.35 Every Man's Guide to Mornington Crescent. Raymond Baxter's examination of the greatest game on earth (r).
11.00 The Meaning of Christmas. With Esther de Waal, of Canterbury.
11.15 Emlyn William's selection of his own adaptations from the writings of Dickens (1).
11.45 Radio Brynsiencyn. Ian Skidmoreand his one-man radio station on the Island ofAnglesey.†
12.00 News; Weather.
12.15 A Sideways Look At . . . by Anthony Smith. 12.33 Shipping. VHF (available in England and S Wales only). Radio 4 vhf is as above, except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 An Irish Diary.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Christmas Day Concert: J S Bach's Christmas Oratorio (Part 1); Mozart's Epistle Sonata in A, K 225; Biber's Mystery Sonata No 3 in B minor (The Nativity): Sibelius's The Swan of Tuonela.† 8.00 News.
8.05 The Octave of the Nativity: as performed in Metz Cathedral (2) *The Second Mass of Christmas.* With Schola Antiqua of New York.†
8.40 Arensky: Aaron Rosand/Luxemburg Radio Orchestra. Violin Concerto in A minor.† 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Prokofiev. American Overture, Op 42; Piano Sonata No 5 in C Op 38 (Chodack, piano); Chout: Ballet Suite, Op 21b.†
10.00 The Sea: Bridge's suite The Sea; Delius's (arranged Fenby) Two Aquarelles; and Debussy's Symphonic Sketches: La mer.†
10.55 The Octave of the Nativity: (3) The Procession and Third Mass of Christmas. As performed in Rheims Cathedral. With the Taverner Choir.†
12.20 City of Birmingham SO (under Schonwandt). With Ralph *Kirshbaum (cello). Part one.* Belioz's overture Roman Carnival: and Haydn's Cello Concerto in D.† 1.00 News.
1.05 Concert: part two. Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations: Hindemith's Symphony Mathis der Maler.†
1.55 Horszowski at the Aldeburgh Festival: The celebrated pianist plays Casals's Prelude; Martinu's The Fifth Day of the Fifth Moon; Debussy's Children's Corner; Chopin's Sonata in B minor, Op 58.†
3.00 Handel, Mozart, Schubert, Dvorak: Recordings including Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks: Dvorak's Symphony No 8; Mozart's Bassoon Concerto; and Schubert songs sung by Peter Schreier.†
5.30 A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols; another chance to hear yesterday's service from King's College Chapel, Cambridge. †
7.00 Beethoven and Debussy: Part one. Alban Berg Quartet play Beethoven's Quartet in B flat major, Op 18 No 6; and Debussy's Quartet in G minor.†
7.50 Being Born in the Likeness of Man: a talk by the Right Rev Graham Leonard, the Bishop of London.
8.10 Beethoven and Debussy: Beethoven's Quartet in C major (Rasumovsky).†
8.50 English Music: Nigel Kennedy (violin) with BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (under Downes). Rawsthorne's Symphony No 3: and Elgar's Violin Concerto.† Interval at 9.20.
10.20 *A Christmas Sequence:* Keith Swallow (piano), Mark Rowlinson (baritone), Stephanie Bamford (piano). Peter Cornelius's Six Christmas Songs; Liszt's Five Pieces from Weihnachtsbaum.
10.55 Concerto per la Notte di Natale: Recordings of Gaetano Maria Schiassi's Sinfonia Pastorale per il Santissimo Natale di nostro Signore Jesù (Capella Clementina); Stradella's Cantata per il Santissimo Natale. And Vivaldi's Concerto in E major (Per la Natale). RV 270 (I Solisto Veneti).
11.57 News. Until 12.00.

Radio 2

4.00am David Yarnall.† 5.30 Ray Moore.† 7.30 Good Morning Christmas. Paul McDowell joins the children in Bethlehem.† 9.00 Terry Wogan† including, at 10.00, The Queen. 11.00 Hannah Gordon's World of Christmas.† 12.00pm The Grumleweeds, "Will in Santaland".† 12.30 The News Huddlines.† 1.00 Forces' Favourites with Jean Metcalfe.† 3.00 Through a Child's Eyes. With Nanette Newman.† 3.30 Stubby Kaye. 5.00 Sing Something Seasonal.† 6.00 A Celebration of Christmas. With Dana. Cliff Richard and Roy Castle.† 8.00 The American Popular Song. 9.00 Hubert Gregg says 'Maybe it's because...'. 10.00 The Impressionists at Christmas. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00am Nightride.† 3.00-4.00am Night Owls.†

Radio 1

6.00am Wake up to Christmas. With Keith Chegwin and Maggie Philbin. 8.00 Peter Powel's Christmas Show. Including, at, 9.30 The Queen. 10.00 Simon Bates's All Gold. 1.00pm Mike Reid's Christmas Dinner. 3.00 Jonathan King with favourite records. 5.00 Bruno Brookes. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00am John Peel's Festive 50 †.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sweet Soul Music. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Art Of Gerald Moore. 8.30 Stage Fever 9.00 World News. 9.09 Look Ahead. 9.15 This Is Christmas. 9.30 The Queen. 9.35 Festival Of Nine Lessons And Carols. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Letter from London. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Christmas Day Service. 12.45 This Is Christmas. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Recording Of The Week. 2.00 News Summary. 2.01 A Victorian Christmas. 2.45 Behind The Universe. 3.00 The Queen. 3.15 A Jolly Good Show. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Omnibus. 4.45 The Word Made Flesh. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Meridian. 8.00 World News. 9.15 Concert Hall. 10.00 World News. 10.09 Christmas Day Service. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 The Queen. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Singers Of Schubert. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Omnibus. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 The Inn At Bethlehem. 1.30 Report On Religion. 1.45 Country Music Profile. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Commentary. 2.15 Singers Of Schubert. 2.30 Wives And Daughters. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 This Is Christmas. 3.30 William Story. 3.50 History Reflected 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Waveguide. 5.45 This Is Christmas.
All times in GMT

BOXING DAY

Radio 4

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News; Christmas Prelude.† 6.30 News; Farming Today: 6.55 Weather.
7.00 News; Seeing is Believing. Sequence for the Feast of St. Stephen.†
7.30 Michael Parkinson looks into the BBC archives, including 8.00 News.
8.30 Smash of the Day: The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy (r).
9.00 News.
9.05 Desert Island Discs. Castaway: Singer and actor, Paul McCartney.†
9.45 The Dark Christmases. Forty years after the last wartime Christmas, Dr Christopher Andrew looks back.
10.30 Five Decades of Alistair Cooke's Letter From America. (3): The 60s.
10.45 Natural Selection Box: The Martyr of St. Stephen's Day.†
11.00 News; Travel.
11.05 Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen. Dramatised in six parts (3) (r).
12.00 News; Stilgoe's Around at the World Wine Fair, Bristol. With Emma Thompson.†
12.30 Quote. . .Unquote with Celia Haddon, Ludovic Kennedy. Dr John Rae and Colin Welland. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 News.
1.05 Smash of the Day: The Goon Show. "The International Christmas Pudding" (r).
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 The Adventure Play: "Treasure Island" by Robert Louis Stevenson. With Timothy West as *Silver, Crispin Gilbard as Jim* and Allan Cuthbertson as Captain Smollett (r).†
3.30 West Side to West End. Paul Allen traces the history of the musical "West Side Story" (r).
4.00 News.
4.05 Down Your Way. Brian Johnston recalls some of the people he has met and the places he has visited.
4.45 Winnie-The-Pooh by A. A. Milne. (3) read by Alan Bennett.
5.00 News; Travel.
5.05 Seated One Day. . .Church organists talk to Bob Prizeman.
5.35 Asterix in Britain (3). 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.05 A Breath of Fresh Air. John Foster, Director of the Countryside Commission for Scotland, walks on the southern slopes of the highlands.
6.15 Victorian Christmas Miscellany (5): Poverty† followed by an interlude.
6.30 Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less by Jeffrey Archer. 3: Bond Street (r).†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Christmas Punch. Hunter Davies presents an insight into how his family will cope with filling the gap between Christmas and the New Year.
7.30 Shaw at Christmas "The Apple Chart". A political extravaganza in two acts and an interlude by Bernard Shaw. Cast includes Peter Barkworth (as Magnus), Nigel Stock, Prunella Scales. Colin Douglas, Dilys Laye and *Elizabeth Spriggs (r).†*
9.20 Christmas Observed. Peter France explores Yuletide journals.
9.30 Tito Gobbi. Portrait of a great Italian baritone. Derek Parker celebrates Gobbi's life and music. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 News.
10.35 Cake and Charity. Margaret Howard talks to five clergymen's wives about their daily lives.
11.00 The Meaning of Christmas. A meditation for Boxing Night. With Peter Levi.
11.15 Emlyn Williams presents a selection of his own adaptation from the writings of Dickens. Second of four programmes. Tonight: David Copperfield.
11.45 Radio Brynsiencyn.†
12.00 News; Weather.
12.15 A Sideways Look At. . .by Anthony Smith (followed by an interlude). 12.33 Shipping. VHF (available in England and S. Wales only). Radio 4 vhf is as above, except: 5.55-6.00am Weather: Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner: Pickle Makes a Christmas Card. 5.50-5.55 An Irish Diary. Mary Murphy gives advice to "party-poopers"

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Satie's Pièces froides (De Leeuw, piano); Respighi's Lauda per la natività del Signore (Gomez/Dickinson/Tear); *Schumann's Andante and* Variations.† 8.00 News.
8.05 Midweek Choice (contd): Walton's Music for Children (composer conducts the LPO); Hovaness's Christmas Ode (Valente, soprano); Rossini's (arranged Respighi) suite La boutique fantasque.† 9.00 News.
9.05 This Wek's Composer: Prokoviev. Flute Sonata in D. Op 94 (Rampal/Veyron-Lacroix); and excerpts from Cinderella.†
10.00 Brahms: Tomas Tichauer (viola) and Alberto Portugheis (piano). Sonata in F minor Op 120 No 1.†
10.25 Wild Serenades: Austrian Radio Sinfonietta play Strauss's Serenade in E flat Op 7; and Mozart's Serenade in B flat K 361.†
11.30 Modern Songs for Christmas: BBC Singers perform works by Richard Rodney Bennett, Peter Maxwell Davies, Benjamin Britten (including Sweet was the song).†
12.05 BBC Philharmonic in Dublin: (Downes conducts). With Michael Roll (piano) Part one. Wagner's overture Rienzi; Schumann's Piano Concerto in A minor.† 1.00 News.
1.05 BBC Philharmonic: part two. Rimsky-Korsakov's suite Sheherazade.†
2.00 Chopin, arranged Godowsky: Gordon Fergus-Thomson, piano, plays Six waltzes.†
2.30 Coppelia: Rotterdam PO under Zinman play Delibes's music for the ballet.
4.05 Violin and Harp at Blickling Hall: *Maurice Hasson (violin) and* Marisa Robles (harp). Rossini's Adante con Variazioni: Schulster's Divertimento: Hasselman's La source, for harp; Salzedo's Chanson dans la nuit for harp; Paganini's Capriccio No 13 in B flat for violin; Capriccio No 24; Saint-Saens's Fantaisie Op 124.†
5.00 The Octave of the Nativity: Procession and Mass of St Stephen; Reconstruction of a performance at Palace of Westminster, 1529. BBC Singers.†
6.15 Dickinson at 70: Patrick Dickinson reads several of his own poems and talks to Lawrence Sail.
6.45 Schubert: Brandis String Quartet *play the Quartet in G, D 887.†*
7.30 Babes in the Wood: and the Good Little Fairy Birds. Christmas pantomime burlesque, as *presented by the Players Theatre* in London. Cast includes Dilys Laye, Jane Wenham and Julia Sutton (witches). John Turner. Jan Walters, Geoffrey Collins. Anne Beach, Josephine Gordon and Sheila Bernette.†
8.45 The Secret: Smetena's three-act comic opera. Sung in Czech. With Vaclav Zitek and Jaroslav Horacek (as Kalina and Malina) Daniela Sounova (as Blazenka) and Oldrick Spissar as (Skrivanek). Kosler conducts the Prague National Theatre Chorus and orchestra.† Act one.
9.30 Six Continents: Ian McDougall with foreign radio selections.
9.50 The Secret: the second and third acts.† Interval at 10.40.
11.15 John McCabe: piano recital. Haydn's Fantasia in C (H XV11 4): Field's Nocturnes Nos 11 and 15; Rondo in E (Le midi); Pinto's Sonata in C minor.†
11.57 News. Until 12.00

Radio 2

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo. News on the hour 4.00am to 2.00, then 7.00 and hourly 10.00 to 4.00am 4.00am David Yarnall.† 5.30 Ray Moore† including 7.50 Racing Bulletin. 8.00 Terry Wogan.† 10.00 David Hamilton's Classics.† 12.00pm Laughalong at Christmas with Les Dawson and Roy Castle.† 1.00 BBC Radio Orchestra Holiday Special featuring The Radio Orchestra.† 2.00 Boxing Day Sports Special: includes Racing from Kempton Park: 2.10 King George VI Chase and 5.20 Cricket 5.25 *Racing round-up.* 5.30 Howard Keel talks to David Jacobs. 7.00 The Grumbleweeds.† 7.30 Terry Wogan in LA. Sport, song and showbiz magic from the 1984 Olympics. 8.45 Jack Dorsey with Romantic Strings.† 9.15 Listen to the Band Charlie Chester introduces The Fodens Motor Works Band.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Golden Years. Presented by Alan Keith. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Bill Rennells presents Nightride.† 3.00 Broadway Babes (17): Barbra Streisand.† 3.30-4.00 Vernon and Maryetta Midgley.†

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Christmas peace in the trenches 70 years ago









By Thomson Prentice

Peace on earth still seemed possible on Christmas Day 1914. Boxing Day would see a change of mood, and by December 27, rain and blood would mix the Flanders mud again and wash hope away into the unimaginable horrors of the next four years.

But a full moon and a skyful of stars on Christmas Eve illustrated No Man's Land, revealing a unique expression of goodwill in wartime. Soldiers lit lanterns, sang carols with their enemies, and shouted greetings to them across the wire.

Next day they shook hands on it. When the Christmas morning mist had lifted, they climbed over the parapets of their trenches, leaving their weapons but taking their cigarettes, cameras and flasks. They swapped cigars and snapshots and souvenirs.

The forbidden fraternization went on up and down a 30-mile stretch of the Western Front, in spite of the sternest warnings. General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, commander of the British II Corps, had written to his subordinates: "Friendly intercourse with the enemy, unofficial armistices (eg 'we won't fire if you don't, etc..) and the exchange of tobacco and other comforts, however tempting and amusing they may be, are absolutely prohibited."

Defiance of his orders began on Christmas Eve, when shooting stopped. "It was a beautiful moonlit night, frost on the ground, white almost everywhere," one soldier wrote home to England. "There was a lot of commotion in the German trenches, and then they sang 'Stille Nacht'. I shall never forget it. It was one of the highlights of my life. I thought, what a beautiful tune."

The letters home, pictures of Tommy and Fritz smiling together, and more evidence of the Christmas truce, are contained in the current issue of *Stand To!* the journal of the Western Front Association; in *Christmas Truce*, a new book by Malcolm Brown and Shirley Seaton (published by Lee Cooper in association with Secker and Warburg, £14.95) and in an exhibition at the Imperial War Museum.

The Germans rolled barrels of beer from a brewery near their positions across No Man's Land on Christmas morning and exchanged them for British plum puddings. The soldiers sang "Auld Lang Syne" to the accompaniment of Gordon Highlanders' bagpipes and Saxon infantry harmonicas.

A Scottish chaplain and a German divinity student held a joint burial service for the dead of both sides who had lain among the shell holes for days and weeks. There was a lot of talk of football, and a match of some disorderly nature may even have been played, with the Lancashire Fusiliers losing to the Saxons by 3-2.

There were "rotten mistakes", as one officer noted. In one example, a Welsh sergeant delivered some Woodbines to the Germans. "But when he came back to the trench they shot him through the back and killed him," his friend wrote home. "He fell down and said, 'My God, I'm done.' They are dirty cowards, after giving them tobacco."

Corporal John Ferguson, of the 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, wrote home: "Here we are laughing and chatting to men whom only a few hours before we were trying to kill."

The flare of a Very light signalled the end of the Christmas Day camaraderie.

It was never to happen again. The New Year of 1915 brought the U-boat sinking of the Lusitania, Zeppelin bombing raids on England, poison gas drifting over the same trenches in almost the same positions, and orders from both sides forbidding any repetition of the fraternization.

Christmas Day 1914, ended with muted farewells. Captain R J Armes, of the 1st North Staffordshire Regiment, wrote home: "I left our friends (the Germans) on Xmas day in a quiet mood. I stood upon the parapet and had a final look round, and not a shot was fired."

There were some last choruses of "Stille Nacht" from the German trenches and then, for the few sleeping hours of peace, all was quiet on the Western Front.

An illustration from *Christmas Truce* (top left) is captioned "Riflemen Andrew and Grigg posing with Saxons of the 106th and 104th Regiments". The photograph was taken by their London Rifle Brigade comrade, Rifleman Turner, seen (top right) in a goatskin coat with two German officers. The third photograph shows German officers with two British officers. Second Lieutenant The Hon. Harold B. Robson and a fellow officer of the Northumberland Hussars, 7th Division.

Letter from Bethlehem

New lights hide a darker future

As the souvenir-swamped Arab town of Bethlehem (population, excluding Palestinian refugees, 30,000) prepares to celebrate its eighteenth successive Christmas Eve under Israeli military occupation, there are disturbing portents beneath the festive gaity, reinforced this year by 10,000 new coloured lights.

In addition to the recurring threat of the holy occasion being used as an excuse to launch a televised terrorist spectacular, there is evidence that the economic recession has been exported to the West Bank from Israel.

The statistics of Arab labour inside Israel are difficult to come by, but some which were broadcast by Israel radio revealed there had been a recent increase of 4 per cent in unemployment among the estimated 48,000 Palestinians from the West Bank who travel in and out of Israel daily for work.

Mr Elias Freij, the genial and portly Bethlehem mayor, was unable to confirm the figures, but he did have some graphic examples of his own.

"In the past six months, since Israel's economic crisis got out of hand, I have had more applications for jobs with the municipality than during the previous eight years put together. Unfortunately, I do not have any work to give."

Walking through the many small cafés in Manger Square – their spicy aromas of Arabic cooking giving little of the traditional Christmas atmosphere being hunted by the foreign pilgrims – it is easy to find Bethlehem Arabs who have lost jobs in Israel.

"Of course, we are the ones in the front line, the people who are going to be put out of work first when there is economic trouble," a building worker, aged 25, said. "If there are no jobs, it is bound to be the Arabs rather than the Jews who will suffer first."

A few miles away in a bleak area of east Jerusalem known to Palestinians as the slave market, where scores of casual Arab labourers wait to be taken on by Israeli employers for the day, the grim economic statistics are reflected by the growing number of Arabs in their traditional head-dresses still sitting on the low walls by mid-morning, having found no takers for their labour.

The worry among experienced Israeli Army officers is that the new Palestinian unemployed may soon swell the ranks of West Bank Arabs who regularly engage in violent confrontations with Jewish settlers and stone Israeli-registered vehicles.

Sometimes referred to rather curiously as "the Sheffield of Palestine" because of its large number of small workshops and relative prosperity, Bethlehem is feeling an economic pinch which Mr Freij alleges is far worse than that affecting Israelis who live only four miles away in west Jerusalem.

"As Palestinians, our people do not enjoy the same benefits as the Jews. Our average wage is also lower, despite the fact that we are having to pay the same inflated prices in the shops," he told me as Christmas preparations continued in the square below his spacious town hall.

Mr Freij is using the international publicity which always comes his way at Christmas – it is not unusual to find a queue of television teams outside his door – to press home a call for the EEC to provide aid to the West Bankers to improve their facilities, particularly the shabby Palestinian-run hospitals which are noted for their lack of hygiene and poor equipment.

A pragmatist who has long argued for dialogue between the Palestinians and the Israelis, Mr Freij recently succeeded in persuading Mr Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's new Defence Minister, to allow $800,000 (£666,000) from Saudi Arabia to be channelled straight to his municipal coffers without going through the mass of restrictions which hinder, and often prevent, Arab aid from reaching the West Bank.

Among other things, the Saudi petro-dollars will be used to build a school to be named after King Fahd, which will take its place among the Christian landmarks in Bethlehem.

But Mr Freij was insistent that it was not Saudi money which had the 10,000 new Christmas lights lining the narrow stone streets leading to the Church of the Nativity, built on the exact spot where tradition has it that Jesus was born.

Christopher Walker

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Most art galleries and museums are closed today, and few open again until Thursday December 27. Check before visiting.

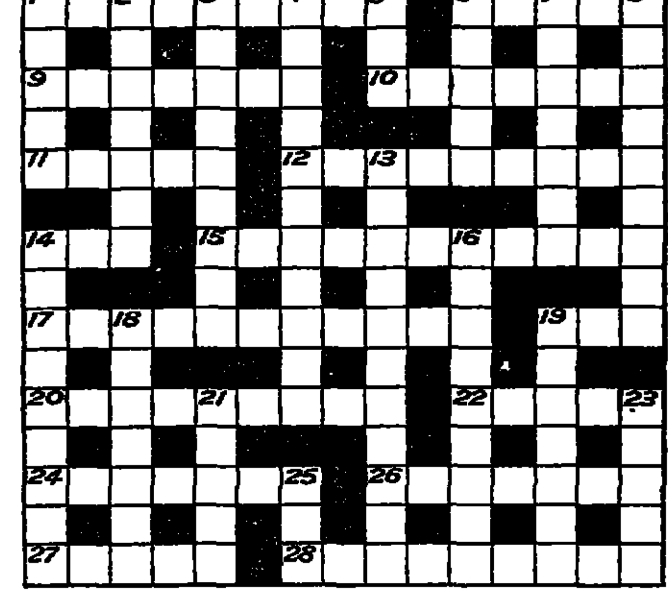
Carols

St Paul's Cathedral, 4.
Brompton Oratory, Brompton Road, SW7, 7.30.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, 6.30.
Trafalgar Square, WC2, 4 to 10.
Vicars' Hall, Wells, Somerset, 7.
Paisley Abbey, 7.30.
Canterbury Cathedral, 3.

Midnight Services

St Paul's Cathedral, 11.30. Westminster Cathedral, 11.15. Westminster Abbey, 11.30. Southwark Cathedral, 11.30. St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield, EC1, 11.45. St Bride's, Fleet Street, EC4, 11.30. All-Hallows-by-the-Tower, EC3, 11.30. St Clement Danes, WC2, 11.30. St Giles-in-the-Fields, WC1, 11.45. Brompton Oratory, Brompton Road, SW7, 11.30. St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, 11.30. Holy Trinity Church, Brompton Road, SW7, 11.30. Wesley's Chapel, City Road, EC1, 11.30. St James, Piccadilly, 11.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,619



ACROSS
1 Extramural musician, night worker (9).
6 Tree planted by openers of this waterway (5).
9 Odds on one who settled for a little decoration (7).
10 Conveyance for travellers in the desert (7).
11 I'm in bed in Rouen! That's the last straw! (5).
12 Stain causes frown after pop social (9).
14 Can be used as cuff or sock (3).
15 An explosive device in Oriental assembly, say? Loathsome thing (11).
17 He gets two pay-packets, the second aboard ship (11).
19 A church service (3).
20 Hill-dwellers rejected 24 – what a bloomer (9).
22 Man holds right to fish (5).
24 A pound off fuel many set light to (7).
26 Complaint at having to accommodate the Italian folk (7).
27 Renown of grandpa's first bird (5).
28 Revered old city in a desert, crumbling away (9).

DOWN
1 Fibre in ropes is a link with Yucatan (5).
2 Let in again to study by US seat of learning (7).
3 Galahad heard to be overthrown after sunset (9).
4 Lack of water around Aden damaged a warship (11).
5 Gib the right place for this old bird? (3).
6 Fellow other ranks attempt to do without (5).
7 Artist with instrument almost completed course (7).
8 Let farm-worker manoeuvre crane (9).
13 Sparkle, but transgress until mid-evening, say? (11).
14 Ruin 19 *dn*'s place in Herts (9).
16 Poor soil supporting wheat, perhaps, on high ground in Greece (9).
18 Half tots were sufficient for port in Apulia (7).
19 A scholar true, could be working for pleasure (7).
21 Competitor has two-point start, then gets three or four more (5).
23 Famous, though only a subordinate journalist (5).
25 Lost in antiquity, this year (3).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 16,618 will appear next Saturday

Concise crossword and concise jumbo solution, page 6

The papers

The People said that the Appeal Court victory for Mrs Victoria Gillick condemned thousands to a miserable New Year of worry, unwanted pregnancies and back-street abortions.

For The Sunday Telegraph, however, Mrs Gillick's victory was a way of restoring the balance in favour of majority social and moral values; the paper said that Parliament would have to act if more unwanted child pregnancies resulted from the court ruling.

The Observer was unequivocal: "We are now preserving our own cosy illusion that Mother knows best at the expense of those very vulnerable girls who cannot talk to Mother at all."

Post offices

Post offices close at 12.30 pm today (4 pm in Scotland), and open again on Thursday December 27.

Cheap-rate calls

Cheap-rate calls over the Christmas and New Year period will be available from 6 pm tonight to 8 am December 27 and from 6 pm December 28 to 8 am January 2. The reductions cover local, national and most direct dialled international calls.

Anniversaries

TODAY
Births: Matthew Arnold, poet and critic, Laleham, Middlesex, 1822; Juan Ramon Jimenez, poet, Nobel laureate 1956, Moguer, Spain, 1881. Deaths: Vasco da Gama, navigator, Cochin, Kerala, India, 1524; William Makepeace Thackeray, London, 1863.
CHRISTMAS DAY
Births: Sir Isaac Newton, Woolsthorpe, Lincolnshire, 1642; Dorothy Wordsworth, Cockermouth, Cumbria, 1771; Mohammed Ali Jinnah, creator of Pakistan, Karachi, 1876; Maurice Utrillo, painter, Paris, 1883. Deaths: Karel Capek, writer, Prague, 1938; W. C. Fields, Pasadena, California, 1946; Sir Charles (Charlie) Chaplin, Geneva, 1977. The Mayflower with the Pilgrim Fathers on board landed at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts, 1620.
BOXING DAY
Births: Thomas Gray, poet, Cambridge, 1716. Deaths: John Wilkes, journalist and politician, London, 1797. Harry S. Truman, 33rd president of the USA 1945-53, Kansas City, 1972. Today is the Feast of Saint Stephen.

The Samaritans

All branches of The Samaritans are open throughout the Christmas and New Year period. The long holiday tends to highlight feelings of isolation in the lonely, and the Samaritans offer confidental support to anyone who contacts them – day or night.

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Nature notes

Three of the commonest birds on the coast now are the knot, dunlin and oystercatcher. The knots are silver-grey winter visitors from the Arctic: they feed on sea-snails and sandhoppers by the water's edge, walking along together in large flocks. The dunlin have come down from northern Europe, while our own breeding dunlin have gone to Africa. They are smaller birds than the knots, and keep further apart from one another, except in flight, when they wheel and dip in unison at great speed. The noisy, black and white oystercatchers are a mixture of British birds and visitors. They feed by preference on mussels, levering the valves open with their long red beaks. All these waders are continually on the move as the tide ebbs and flows.

The low sun brings out a purple glow in the dry oak-leaves that still cling on to the younger trees. There are a few short-stemmed dandelions in flower among the grass. The sticky white berries of the mistletoe are ripe now; they cluster round the joints of the pale green stems. But mistletoe will not be found growing wild in Scotland or Ireland, and is a rare plant in Cornwall. DJM

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bonds prizes are: £100,000 15XB 132980 (the winner lives in Merseyside); £50,000 10VN 415538 (Cheshire); £25,000 10KP 744135 (Fife).

TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending December 16:

ITV
1 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada, 18.75m
2 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada, 18.60m
3 Bullseye, Central, 15.55m
4 Rising Damp, Thames, 15.10m
5 Name That Tune, Thames, 14.95
6 Gives Us a Clue, Thames, 14.55m
7 News at 5.45 (Mon), ITN, 14.45m
7= Play Your Cards Right, LWT, 14.45m
9 Emmerdale Farm (Tues) Yorkshire, 14.30m
10 Crossroads (Tues) Central, 14.25m

BBC 1
1 Tenko, 16.75m
2 Dallas, 14.50m
3 The Late, Late Breakfast Show, 13.00m
4 Carry On Don't Lose Your Head, 13.00m
5 Sports Review of 1984, 12.50m
6 News (Sun 21.51), 12.20m
7 Dynasty, 12.00m
8 Starsky and Hutch (Fri), 11.80m
9 Wogan, 11.30m
10 Blankety Blank, 10.90m

BBC 2
1 Agatha, 7.35m
2 Shane, 5.85m
3 The Natural World, 4.75m
4 M.A.S.H., 4.25m
5 Bus Stop, 4.00m
6 Entertainment USA, 3.80m
7 Johnny Mathis in Concert, 3.65m
7= Escape to Minadanao, 3.65m
9 Hilary, 3.40m
10 Sounds of Christmas, 3.25m

Channel 4
1 International Snooker (Sun 21.47), 8.25m
2 It's Going to be Alright, 7.15m
3 Hill Street Blues, 6.00m
4 Brookside (Mon), 5.75m
5 White Mamma, 5.20m
6 Brookside (Tues), 5.0m
7 St Elsewhere, 4.15m
8 Pushing Up Daisies, 3.85m
9 Callan (Tues), 3.40m
10 He Walked by Night, 3.30m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach – the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: Breakfast Time: Mon to Fri 1.7m (7.8m).
TV-am: Good Morning Britain: Mon to Fri 2.3m (8.8m), Sat 2.1m, Sun 2.0m (Sat or Sun 5.5m).
Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

Holiday travel

Pre-recorded travel information on Traveline–rail: 01-246 8030; road: 01-246 8031; sea: 01-246 8032; air: 01-246 8033.

Road

Many major roadworks are suspended until after Christmas, but the AA warn drivers to allow extra time for journeys because of heavy holiday traffic and to adjust their driving to weather conditions.

Many petrol stations close for the Christmas holidays, so check today that you have plenty of fuel.

Rail

British Rail are operating special services with many extra trains over the Christmas and New Year holidays:
Today: Saturday service with extra long distance trains in the early part of the day and on commuter lines during peak hours; last trains will reach their destinations by 10 pm; no overnight trains.
December 25/26: No services.
December 27/28: Saturday service with extra peak hour trains on commuter routes; normal weekday service of overnight trains.
December 29: Normal Saturday service.
December 30: Normal Sunday service with some trains retimed for a faster journey.
December 31: Saturday service with additional peak hour trains on commuter routes; no overnight trains.
January 1: Saturday service on InterCity routes in England and Wales; Sunday service on other lines; no service in Scotland.
January 2: Normal Wednesday service in England and Wales; only long distance trains in Scotland.

Passengers are advised to check their train before travelling.

London public transport

London Regional Transport's 24-hour Travel Information Service (01-222 1234) will operate throughout the holiday period (with recorded message only on Christmas Day).

Today: Some reductions in bus and Underground services.

Christmas Day: No services except Airbus A1 to Heathrow airport.

Boxing Day: Special schedules from about 9.30 am until about Sunday finishing times. Many Underground stations closed.

Snow reports

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Upper runs: almost complete, wet snow. Middle runs: patchy cover of wet snow. Lower slopes: no snow. Vertical runs: 500ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2000ft.
Glenshee, Glencoe and Lecht: Insufficient snow. Forecast for today: sunny intervals and occasional snow showers. Freezing at all levels during morning, rising to 2000ft in afternoon.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.455	1.385
Austria Sch	26.55	25.25
Belgium Fr	76.40	72.40
Canada $	1.60	1.53
Denmark Kr	13.57	12.87
Finland Mkk	7.89	7.49
France Fr	11.55	11.00
Germany DM	3.775	3.595
Greece Dr	175.00	162.00
Hongkong $	9.55	8.96
Ireland Pt	1.215	1.155
Italy Lira	2310.00	2210.00
Japan Yen	304.00	288.00
Netherlands Gld	4.28	4.05
Norway Kr	10.92	10.42
Portugal Esc	205.00	195.00
South Africa Rd	2.42	2.26
Spain Pta	206.50	195.50
Sweden Kr	10.80	10.30
Switzerland Fr	3.10	2.95
USA $	1.225	1.165
Yugoslavia Dnr	300.00	280.00

Retail Price Index: 358.8.

London: The FT index closed down 6 on Friday at 824.3.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 4.3 on Friday at 1198.98.

Weather forecast

A trough of low pressure over SE at first will move away into the North Sea and a weak ridge of high pressure will cross all areas from W.

6am to midnight

London, SE England, East Anglia, Channel Islands: Rain soon clearing, then mostly dry with sunny intervals; wind S, fresh, becoming W or NW, moderate then light; max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

Central S, E, central N, NE England, Midlands, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: sunny intervals; wind W or SW, moderate then light; max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

SW England, S Wales: Sunny intervals, few showers, chiefly over exposed coasts and hills; wind W or SW, fresh, moderating later, max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

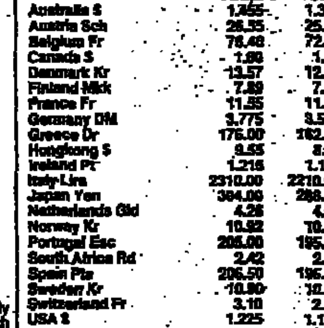
N Wales, NW England, Lake District: Scattered showers, wintry over mountains, also sunny intervals wind W, fresh becoming SW, light or moderate; max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Showers, some heavy and wintry over high ground, also sunny intervals; wind SW, fresh, moderating later; max temp 4 to 6C (39 to 43F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, chiefly over exposed coasts and hills; wind SW, fresh, moderating later; max temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45F).

Outlook for Christmas Day and Boxing Day: Changeable, becoming colder.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind SW, strong or gale, becoming W, moderate; sea very rough, becoming slight.
English Channel (E): Wind NW, fresh or strong, backing SW, moderate; sea rough, becoming slight.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind W, moderate or fresh, backing SW, strong or gale; sea slight or moderate, becoming very rough.



Sun rises: 8.05 am Sun sets: 3.55 pm
Moon rises: 10.14 am Moon sets: 5.44 pm
First quarter: December 30

Lighting-up time

London 4.25 pm to 7.36 am
Bristol 4.35 pm to 7.45 am
Edinburgh 4.12 pm to 8.14 am
Manchester 4.23 pm to 7.56 am
Penzance 4.54 pm to 7.50 am

Yesterday

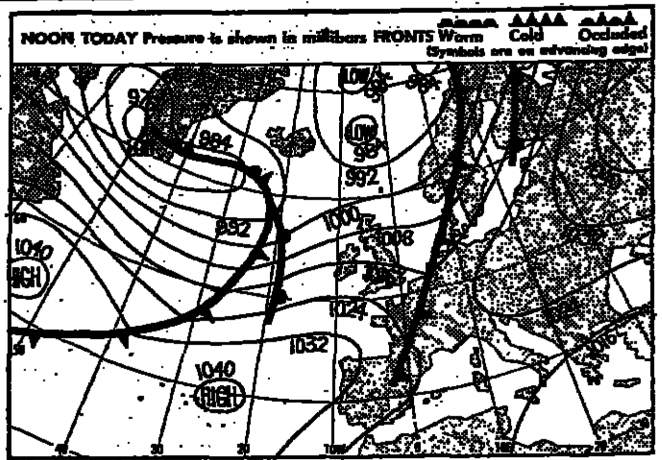
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; r, rain; s, sun.

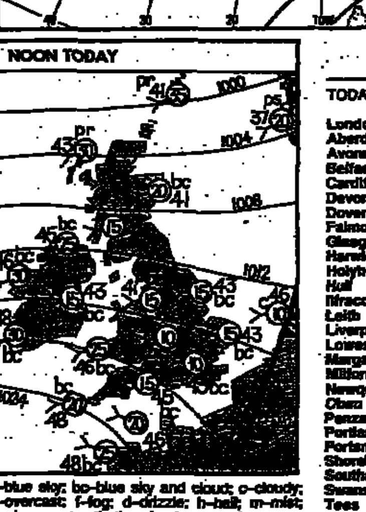
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Birmingham	c	11	52	Inverness			
Blackpool	c	11	52	Jersey	r	11	52
Bristol	c	12	54	London	c	11	52
Cardiff	c	12	54	Manchester	s	13	55
Edinburgh	c	13	55	Newcastle	s	13	55
Glasgow	c	12	54	Ronaldsway			

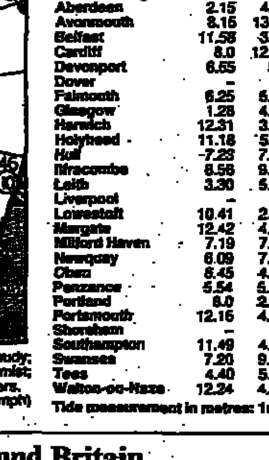
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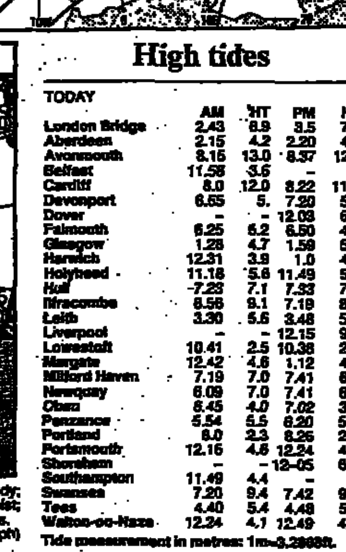
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6 pm, 96 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.04in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1013.6 millibars falling.

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6 pm, 93 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1022.5 millibars falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.









b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

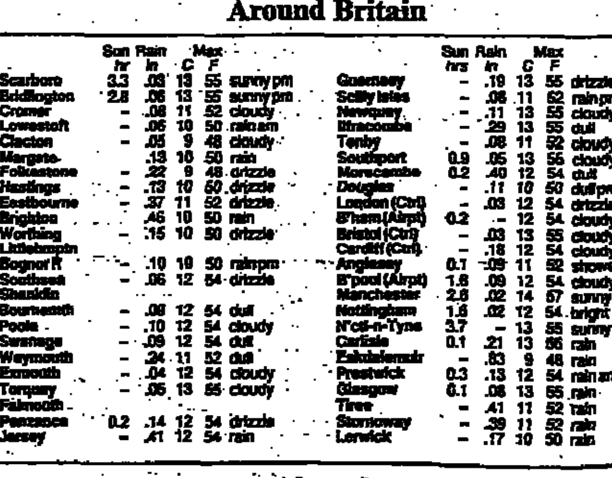
High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.43	6.9	3.5	7.1
Aberdeen	2.15	4.2	2.20	4.3
Avonmouth	8.15	13.0	8.37	12.6
Belfast	11.58	3.6	–	–
Cardiff	8.0	12.0	8.22	11.6
Devonport	6.55	5.	7.20	5.1
Dover	–	–	12.03	6.5
Falmouth	6.25	5.2	6.50	4.9
Glasgow	1.28	4.7	1.59	6.1
Harwich	12.31	3.9	1.0	4.0
Holyhead	11.18	5.6	11.49	5.3
Hull	7.23	7.1	7.33	7.2
Ilfracombe	6.56	9.1	7.19	8.8
Leith	3.30	5.6	3.48	5.5
Liverpool	–	–	12.15	9.3
Lowestoft	10.41	2.5	10.38	2.5
Margate	12.42	4.6	1.12	4.7
Milford Haven	7.19	7.0	7.41	6.7
Newquay	6.09	7.0	7.41	6.7
Oban	6.45	4.0	7.02	3.7
Penzance	5.54	5.5	6.20	5.2
Portland	8.0	2.3	8.26	2.0
Portsmouth	12.16	4.6	12.24	4.6
Shoreham	–	–	12.05	6.2
Southampton	11.49	4.4	–	–
Swansea	7.20	9.4	7.42	9.1
Tees	4.40	5.4	4.48	5.5
Walton-on-Naze	12.24	4.1	12.49	4.2

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	3.3	.03	13	55	sunny pm	Guernsey	–	.19	13	55	drizzle
Bridlington	2.8	.06	13	55	sunny pm	Scilly Isles	–	.08	11	52	rain pm
Cromer	–	.08	11	52	cloudy	Newquay	–	.11	13	55	cloudy
Lowestoft	–	.06	10	50	rain am	Ilfracombe	–	.29	13	55	dull
Clacton	–	.05	9	48	cloudy	Tenby	–	.08	11	52	cloudy
Margate		.13	10	50	rain	Southport	0.9	.05	13	56	cloudy
Folkestone	–	.22	9	48	drizzle	Morecambe	0.2	.40	12	54	dull
Hastings	–	.13	10	50	drizzle	Douglas	–	.11	10	50	dull pm
Eastbourne	–	.37	11	52	drizzle	London (Ctrl)	–	.03	12	54	drizzle
Brighton	–	.46	10	50	rain	B'ham (Airpt)	0.2	–	12	54	cloudy
Worthing	–	.15	10	50	drizzle	Bristol (Ctrl)	–	.03	13	55	cloudy
Littlehmptn						Cardiff (Ctrl)	–	.18	12	54	cloudy
Bognor R	–	.10	10	50	rain pm	Anglesey	0.1	.09	11	52	showers
Southsea	–	.06	12	54	drizzle	B'pool (Airpt)	1.8	.09	12	54	cloudy
Shanklin						Manchester	2.8	.02	14	57	sunny pm
Bournemouth	–	.08	12	54	dull	Nottingham	1.6	.02	12	54	bright
Poole	–	.10	12	54	cloudy	N'cstl-n-Tyne	3.7	–	13	55	sunny
Swanage	–	.09	12	54	dull	Carlisle	0.1	.21	13	55	rain
Weymouth	–	.24	11	52	dull	Eskdalemuir	–	.83	9	48	rain
Exmouth	–	.04	12	54	cloudy	Prestwick	0.3	.13	12	54	rain am
Torquay	–	.05	13	55	cloudy	Glasgow	0.1	.08	13	55	rain
Falmouth						Tiree	–	.41	11	52	rain
Penzance	0.2	.14	12	54	drizzle	Stornoway	–	.39	11	52	rain
Jersey	–	.41	12	54	rain	Lerwick	–	.17	10	50	rain

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	14	57	Cologne	f	5	41	Majorca	c	13	55	Rome	s	12	54
Akrotiri	r	14	57	Copenhgn	f	4	39	Malaga	c	15	59	Salzburg	s	2	36
Alexandria				Corfu	s	16	61	Malta	r	14	57	Sao Paulo			
Algiers	c	13	56	Dublin	c	13	55	Melbourne	s	27	81	S Francisco			
Amsterdam	r	5	41	Dubrovnik	s	8	46	Mexico C				Santiago			
Athens	f	12	54	Faro	s	16	61	Miami				Seoul	s	–7	19
Bahrain	s	25	73	Florence	f	8	46	Milan	s	6	43	Singapore	f	29	84
Barbados				Frankfurt	c	1	34	Montreal				Stockholm			
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